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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Cynical And Dishonest

THE note which the Soviet government despatched to the Big Three last month on the Middle East, and the type of proposals which it contained, represent a standard propaganda device designed in part to mislead the gullible, but chiefly to provide a smokescreen for Russian machinations which threaten more than anything else the peace of the world. All Soviet "peace proposals" are invested with cynicism and dishonesty of purpose.

Moscow's Middle East plan, which the United States, Britain and France have rejected, is a typical example. Russia proposes a four-power declaration of principles which she herself is daily violating. Moreover they are principles which the Big Three have publicly enunciated on a number of occasions, and which they are, in fact, putting into practical effect. They are the principles of the United Nations charter.

REJECTION of the Soviet proposals will not bring about any deterioration in the Middle East situation, but their acceptance and implementation would assuredly have the effect of further jeopardising peace in that area. There is no intention on the part of Russia to abandon the quest for increasing her influence in the Middle East, and to further her economic and political penetration of the Arab states.

The measure of sincerity behind the Russian proposals of an arms embargo for the Middle East is best gauged by the fact that while this proposition was being put on paper for the edification of the world, Moscow was pouring war weapons into Egypt and Syria, and she has since resumed this traffic. Nor is there any dearth of Russian "advisers" in these two countries. Russia's arms embargo proposal is a deliberate phoney.

Another empty proposal is that economic aid to the Middle East should be extended without conditions, for this is the basis of Western aid already extended to the area and is heavily underlined in the Eisenhower doctrine. It is the declared policy of the Big Three to afford economic assistance when requested, but under no circumstances to impose any such aid. Russia has yet publicly to subscribe to a like policy.

THE real design of the Soviet Middle East plan is to break up the Baghdad alliance which Moscow appreciates is a stabilising factor and therefore a bar to Russian political adventures in, and military pressure on, certain vital areas. That the alliance was voluntarily formed by its members, exerting their sovereign rights, is disregarded by the Russian government. So too is the prerogative of the signatories to formulate their own foreign policies.

These considerations weigh nothing with the Soviets, and understandably so, for it is this independence of action and policy making which the Russian leaders deny their satellites. It is why, while Moscow platitudinously urges respect for the sovereignty and independence of the Middle East countries, it tightens its political and military chains round Hungary, economically strangles Poland, and forces East Germany into a new agreement for the stationing of Soviet troops within its borders.

Russia's own actions in Eastern Europe expose the dishonesty of her Middle East "peace" proposals. Moreover, as an essay in propaganda, the "plan" ranks as a dismal failure.

DOCTORS PLAN TO LEAVE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

London, Mar. 12.

British doctors are more determined than ever to leave the National Health Service after a statement by the Prime Minister today, concerning their demands for a pay increase, authoritative medical circles said here tonight.

They said the 40,000 doctors in the service considered Mr Harold Macmillan's statement in the House of Commons as a "final rebuff" and a repetition of what he had often said before.

Mr Macmillan announced that about 19,000 junior hospital, medical and dental staff were to receive a 10 per cent pay increase as an "interim adjustment" on April 1. A similar adjustment for other doctors and dentists was also considered.

But the sources said this was unsatisfactory and had been told them on several previous occasions, when they pressed their claims for a 24 per cent increase.

All preparations were in hand for leaving the health service and it was now very likely that the withdrawal would take place as planned, the sources added.

The General Medical Service Committee — the "family doctors" committee — will meet here on Thursday to consider the situation. —China Mail Special.

ISRAELI CONCERN OVER EGYPT'S PLANS FOR GAZA

Opposed To Appointment Of Governor

New York, Mar. 12.

Israel again stated its disapproval of Egypt's reported proposal to appoint a new governor to the Gaza strip. Its delegate at the United Nations expressed "extreme concern" at developments in the area.

The Israeli Deputy Permanent Representative, Mr Mordecai Kidron called on Mr Dag Hammarskjold and conferred for 40 minutes.

The United States Government, it was authoritatively stated in Washington, had in mind Egypt when it issued its request for co-operation to help the United Nations calm down the Gaza Strip.

In Cairo, reporters asked the deputy UN Secretary-General, Dr Ralph Bunche, for comment on the appointment of an Egyptian Governor in Gaza, but he declined.

Responsibilities

He said that "there is no issue so far as the UN is concerned regarding the legal position of Egypt in Gaza which is based on the armistice agreement and United Nations Resolutions.

Asked how long the Unef would stay in Gaza, he said: "The United Nations has had in the past and continues to have heavy responsibilities in connections with refugees."

Asked what would happen if Egypt should demand that Unef leave the country, Dr Bunche said: "Unef is here to perform certain functions in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions and in agreement which is a sovereign country.

"If any differences were to arise between the Secretary General and the Egyptian Government they would be referred to the General Assembly."

Washington's View

Meanwhile, the Director of the Palestine Affairs Department informed the United Press in Cairo that a new Egyptian governor would move into the Gaza strip to take over its administration "within the next few days".

In Washington an authoritative Government spokesman said today that the State Department's request for co-operation to help the United Nations calm down the Gaza strip was aimed specifically at Egypt.

He made it clear that the statement was issued in the hopeful belief that Egypt would not carry out its announced intention of taking over the Gaza strip immediately now that the Israeli army had evacuated it.

At the back of this hope is the growing opinion that the Egyptian announcement, at first regarded as a serious development, might prove to be after all a propaganda move based on Colonel Nasser's desire to turn the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza into a moral victory for Egypt.

The Government spokesman appeared reasonably confident that Egypt would respond to the plea of the United States.

New Incident

In Tel-Aviv, diplomatic sources said a Norwegian officer of UNEF was today threatened by armed Arab demonstrators during an incident in the Gaza strip, diplomatic sources reported.

The officer was reported to have gone to the rescue of an Arab woman, accused by the demonstrators of consorting with Israeli soldiers during the Israeli occupation of the Gaza strip.

The Norwegian officer tried to protect the woman from the crowd, but was threatened by armed Arab Fedayeen Commandos.

The officer was rescued by a passing U.N. Forces patrol.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs Golda Meir, called in the Ambassadors of the United States and France in a new attempt to force passage for Israeli ships through the Suez Canal.

Informed sources said Mrs Meir was expected to press either for an Israeli test ship to be sent through the Canal from Haifa or demand the United Nations obtain an undertaking from Egypt not to interfere with Israeli shipping.—All Agencies

Commons Debate

London, Mar. 12.

The Speaker, Mr W. S. Morrison, announced in the House of Commons today that there would be a general debate on the Middle East on Thursday.—Reuter.

HUNGARY IN BID TO AVERT NEW TROUBLE

Budapest, Mar. 12.

Hungarian police continued to make arrests today, apparently to prevent any demonstrations next Friday, Hungary's National Day.

The police halted and thoroughly searched cars in various parts of Budapest.

Members of the armed workers militia were installed in the factories of the Budapest suburb of Csepel today.

Csepel was one of the main centres of resistence last December when the Soviet army occupied Budapest.

Tonight, about 30 policemen, including several in uniform and armed with sub-machine guns, carried out an identity check in the Hotel Duna, which is mainly frequented by foreign businessmen and newsmen. Two young Hungarian couples who had come to dance were taken away.

'Long Live' Shouts

About 20 trucks filled with "demonstrators" toured the main streets of Budapest. They shouted: "Long Live Kadar" and "Long Live the Workers Party".

The National Day will be celebrated in Hungary's schools and universities on March 14. It was learned that the ceremony would be reduced to a minimum. After the last class in the afternoon, a professor will make a short speech.

The Budapest Institute of Technology has been closed until March 24. Students reported that when Premier Janos Kadar tried to address them at the Institute two days ago, he was unable to do so, because the students would not stop applauding.—France-Presse.

Seven Lions Watch Christening

Milan, Mar. 12.

Two baby girls were baptised in the lion's cage of the Italian Orfei circus today while seven lions looked on.

The babies, both less than three weeks old, were baptised by Mons. Dino Torreggiani, the Italian chaplain in charge of roving show personnel, with the help of Don Piero Corneli, another young Roman Catholic priest.—United Press.

RED ARMY TO STAY ON IN EAST GERMANY

Berlin, Mar. 12.

The Soviet Union and East Germany tonight signed an agreement calling for the continued stationing of 22 Soviet divisions in East Germany.

An East German Foreign Office spokesman told newsmen the agreement would prevent "attacks" on East Germany and the "Socialist camp."

The agreement was signed in East Berlin's Haus Der Ministerien, former Nazi Luftwaffe headquarters.

Signatories were Mr Andrei Gromyko and Marshal Georgi Zhukov for the USSR and East German Foreign Minister Lothar Bolz and the Defence Minister General Willi Stoph.

Mr Gromyko said it was time West Germany realised that "(German) unity and remilitarisation are irreconcilable" and that "the time is gone for ever when the opinion of the (East) German Democratic Republic could be ignored in the solution of all-German questions."

He continued, "it must already be clear for all now that the only possible way to the solution of the German question lies in a rapprochement and the reaching of an understanding between the two German states."—United Press & Reuter.

SHAH WILL HAVE TURBO-PROP PALACE

London, Mar. 12.

The Shah of Persia has ordered a four engined, specially equipped "Viscount" turbo-prop airliner for his own personal use—at a cost of more than £300,000.

The plane will be fitted with a bedroom and a luxuriously furnished study. A 200-piece China dinner service, each piece bearing the Shah's coat of arms, will be specially made for the plane, together with silver cutlery and crystal glasses.—France-Presse.

RED MUTINY, SABOTAGE PLOT IN BRITAIN'S MERCHANT NAVY

SCOTLAND YARD BEGIN INQUIRY

By STEPHEN CONSTANT

London, Mar. 12.

Scotland Yard detectives are investigating an international Communist-backed plot to sabotage and encourage mutiny in the British Merchant Navy.

Investigations which started this week centre around a document which instructs Red agents how to create unrest and sabotage in a ship.

A copy of it is now in the hands of Scotland Yard. The document may yield further clues to several cases of suspected sabotage in British ships during the last two years.

Agents are instructed how to create unrest aboard ships by exploiting younger and weaker members of the crew.

BACKGROUND

Rule one says: "Agents themselves must suggest complaints and should not allow themselves to be chosen as a representative of those complaining.

"Agents must take no direct complaints to those in authority."

Rule seven lays out the sabotage drill: "Seamen employed in the engine room are best handled exactly as seamen on the dock. Equipment mislaid in the engine room can cause serious damage if properly executed. Agents must take precautions not to be in the engine room when the damage occurs."

Mr Tom Yates, General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen said yesterday: "the document is behind several recent cases of sabotage in British ships."—London Express Service.

U.S. TO JOIN?

Karachi, Mar. 12.

The American Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr Horace Hildreth, said today the United States would formally join the Bagdad pact at an opportune time.

The Associated Press of Pakistan reported that the Ambassador was answering questions by reporters during his tour of West Pakistan.—Reuter.

YEMEN ASKS Mr UN TO PAY A VISIT

New York, Mar. 12.

Yemen today invited the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, to visit that country for on-the-spot talks with the Imam about alleged British "aggression."

Prince Sayful Islan Al-Hassan, leader of the Yemeni delegation, told Mr Hammarskjold that the situation in the area was "deteriorating."

The Prince told correspondents he had also stated that "the overwhelming majority of the people of Dahla," a village inside the Aden protectorate, wished to cede to Yemen.

Mr Hammarskjold, he said, expressed interest in the proposal that he visit the territory and promised to consider it, while stressing that he was busy with other matters at present.—Reuter.

Bid To End 'Collapse Of Indonesia'

Djakarta, Mar. 12.

The Indonesian Army and the powerful Nationalist Party will ask President Sukarno to declare a national "state of war and siege" to halt the breaking up of the widespread island republic, it was learned tonight.

These sources believed President Sukarno "may very likely" accept the offer after failure of his call for a "guided democracy". The action would help restore the unity of the nation, which is torn by Army revolts and is facing political collapse, it was said.

Sources close to Army headquarters said the Army had "long ago lost faith in political leaders" and was ready to see military rule or Indonesia established if no other solution was found quickly.

POLITICAL DECAY

The Army wants an end to corruption and "political decay" and progress in nationwide development, the sources said.

They said that revolts in Sumatra and Eastern Indonesia and those reported today in the largest Indonesian island, Borneo, all reflected the general and intense disillusionment of the country's military men.

So far Army leaders in Djakarta have taken no anti-government steps, but according to the sources the Army's patience was "wearing thin".—United Press.

Baronet Sent To Gaol Again

London, Mar. 12.

Sportsman and aviator Sir Alastair George Lionel Miller, 63-year-old sixth Baronet of Glenlee, Kirkcudbrightshire, went to gaol today for the fourth time since 1951.

He began an 18-month term for neglecting to tell his hotel he was an undischarged bankrupt. He also neglected to tell the jeweller from whom he ordered a pair of diamond and sapphire earrings.

Sir Alastair, wearing a neatly trimmed military moustache and the striped tie of his Brigade of Irish Guards, stood stiffly at attention as the judge passed sentence yesterday.

His previous convictions were also connected with lack of funds. He has been declared bankrupt three times since 1922, when he paid £15,000 in divorce court costs.

Sir Alastair had broken several records as a motor car racing driver and had earned about £5,000 a year until a crash put him out of action.

He was a captain of the Irish Guards and a flight commander of the Royal Air Force during the first world war. He has been married three times.—United Press.

10 Years 'Hard'

Stockholm, Mar. 12.

Bedros Zartaryan, an Armenian born Turkish subject, was sentenced in Stockholm's City Court today to 10 years' hard labour for espionage for the Soviet Union. The court found he had delivered documents concerning Swedish military defence to Soviet intelligence agents.—Reuter.

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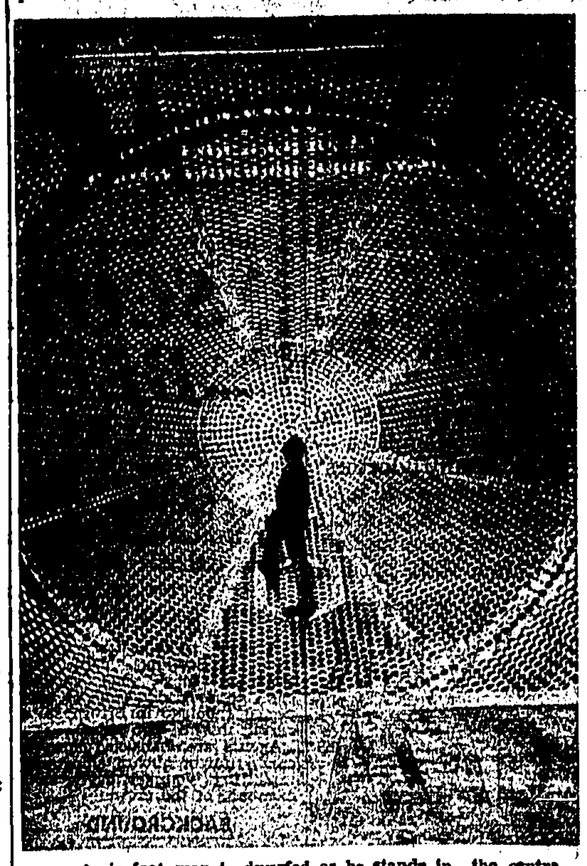

A six-foot man is dwarfed as he stands in the centre of a gigantic screen in the muffler building end of North American Aviation's new five-million-dollar Trisonic Wind Tunnel. During a test blow the screen diffuses air into the muffled building, protecting sound proofing materials from sudden uneven shock.—Express Photo.

SEATO COUNCIL'S GREAT PROGRESS

Moves To Meet Attacks And Subversion

By WARREN WHITE

Canberra, Mar. 12.

The SEATO Council Ministers reported great progress today in their Organisation to meet Communist military attack or subversion in Southeast Asia.

Delegates spoke of harmony unparalleled so far in the two and a half years since the treaty was signed in Manila. The only diversion as seen by political observers was the United States policy statement that recognition of (Communist) China was out of the question.

Britain hastened to establish that the United States Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles' statement did not come as SEATO expression but was a purely individual expression.

The United States reason for using the SEATO forum for a policy statement drew wide speculation. But the United States explanation was that the recent rumours of relaxation on non-recognition policy called for reassurances to the Southeast Asian allies.

There was speculation in British and Australian circles that the United States choice of the SEATO forum was partly dictated by aim of dissuading any countries which might be reassessing their foreign policy from looking towards Peking.

RAPID PROGRESS

The conference so far has made rapid progress in clearing what could in the opinion of some sources have produced arguments.

The post of Secretary-General has been agreed on. Various delegates had predicted delays on this issue.

Hard feelings, if they existed, were concealed when the Ministers reported agreement in principle on assessing the wealthier nations to pay a bigger share of the SEATO costs.

The countries agreed generally that "neutralists" were a doubtful proposition for economic aid but to deprive them of it would risk driving such nations into the arms of the Communists.

Pakistan defined neutralists as of two varieties—genuine or aggressive. "Aggressive neutralists" received Western aid then turned round and joined with the Communists to attack such pacts as SEATO.

GO AHEAD

From today's agreements, SEATO's permanent headquarters in Bangkok could go ahead with its task of issuing warnings in areas of subversion. It was to do this through an "exposure programme" which presented details of how countries were being subverted, suggested ways of overcoming this subversion and then left action to the governments. The United States had offered aid for any SEATO nation with a reasonable case and for other non-Communist nations a second priority.—Reuter.

Baton Charge Against Strikers

Colombo, Mar. 12.

The police today made a baton charge on striking employees of British mercantile firms in Colombo, who had gathered outside company buildings, hurling rotten eggs and stones at British executives and employees.

The strikers, about 5,000 in number, picketed the firms, harassing clerks who failed to respond to the strike call.

Meanwhile, Ceylon Premier, Solomon Bandaranaike, summoned his Cabinet to an emergency meeting tonight to discuss the situation arising out of the refusal of the British-controlled Employers Federation to agree to his formula to settle the strike.

In a public message over the Government radio, the Premier blamed the employers for causing a deadlock in negotiations to settle the strike.—France-Presse.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN MAILS

New York, Mar. 12.

A CUSTOMS official today displayed the contents of a mail bag to a Congressional subcommittee of Un-American Activities holding hearings in New York.

Mr Irving Fishman, Deputy Collector of Customs, opened one of 17 mail bags from Communist countries piled on a table in the hearing room.

The contents included 11 copies of the Soviet magazine New Times, addressed to a man in Florida, mail for the Communist Party of America, and a parcel containing five copies of a book entitled "How Steel is Tempered." Mr Fishman said the book contained Communist propaganda.

He told the Committee, which is holding hearings on the dissemination of Communist propaganda, that American taxpayers were paying part of the bill for postal distribution of Communist material in the United States and shipments to South America.—Reuter.

Hoover Unimpressed By Change In US Red Policies

Washington, Mar. 12.

FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover warned today the US Communist Party is still "part and parcel of the world-wide Communist conspiracy."

"It is still responsive to the will of Moscow," he said. "It still works for the destruction of the American way of life and it still is dedicated to the building of a Soviet United States."

Hoover told the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in a statement that the US Communist Party used its party convention last month "to convey the public impression that it no longer is subservient to Moscow."

Thwart Prosecutions

He said the Communist move was part of a programme "to thwart future prosecutions by the Department of Justice."

But he said a study of the convention's deliberations shows that the "Communists still are masters of the big lie."

"Their double talk, duplicity, and semantic gyrations make them the most dangerous and proficient masters of propaganda in the civilised world," he said.

"The Communist Party before and after its 1957 convention is part and parcel of the world-wide Communist conspiracy."

Hoover said the American Communists at the convention hid behind a "cloak of secrecy"—"despite the party claims that it was being covered by the largest battery of newspapermen in the party's history."—United Press.

Help Wanted For Hungarian Refugees

New York, Mar. 12.

The United Nations appealed today for more international help to bear the burden of Hungarian refugees.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary - General, and Dr Auguste Lindt, High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a joint letter that Austria and Yugoslavia, which had given the refugees first asylum, were bearing a heavy financial load. "They cannot carry this whole burden alone," they wrote.

The letter was addressed to the 81 members of the United Nations and to West Germany, South Korea, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, the Vatican, Vietnam and independent organisations which are helping refugees.—Reuter.

TRADE GAP CUT SHARPLY

London, Mar. 12.

The United Kingdom trade gap was cut sharply in February, according to provisional figures released by the Board of Trade this afternoon.

Excess of imports (valued CIF) over exports and re-exports (valued FOB) was £31.7 million in February, or £7.2 million less than in January.

Imports in February totalled £320.8 million — nearly £56 million less than in January — while exports amounted to £278.2 million—£17 million more than in the previous month.

Re-exports at £10.9 million were nearly £1 million less than in January. — China Mail Special.

Treaty With Jordan Ends Today

London, Mar. 12.

The exchange of notes putting an end to the Anglo-Jordanian treaty will take place in Amman, tomorrow, it was stated at the Foreign Office tonight.

British troops who were stationed in Jordan under the treaty, will be evacuated within six months. British installations will also be liquidated.

Part of the British material will be evacuated and the remainder will be bought by Jordan at a "fair valuation."

British will cease to pay Jordan subsidies totalling £10,000,000 a year for maintenance of the Jordanian Army (the former Arab Legion) and for the support of the Jordanian budget.

No decision has yet been taken as to whether Britain will continue to pay a further subsidy of £2,000,000 intended for Jordan's economic development.—France-Presse.

HUNGARIAN CONCENTRATION CAMPS RE-OPEN

Budapest, Mar. 12.

SO-CALLED "public security camps", closed a few months ago, have been reopened in Hungary, it was revealed here today. The disclosure came when the public prosecutor referred to them during today's session of the trial of 11 Hungarian insurgents here.

Interrogating one of the accused, 18-year-old Josef Lukacs, the Attorney-General said he thought the two people mentioned by Lukacs should be heard as witnesses.

He added: "We will bring them up from the public security camp at Kistarcza."

This camp was established by German SS troops during the wartime occupation. When the Communists took power, they deported to the camp a number of people convicted without trial. The camp had been closed a few months ago.

An Austrian businessman returning to Vienna from Budapest today said he found a young girl chained and lying in a ditch in Hungary.

The businessman, who asked that his name not be used, said the girl had been caught by Hungarian secret police while she was trying to flee Austria. He drove her to a Hungarian hospital.

The businessman said secret police, patrolling the Austro-Hungarian border, caught the girl and chained her. They left her in a ditch and continued their patrol, intending to pick her up later.

The Austrian said he found her yesterday some 17 miles west of Magyarovar.

He said he did not know what happened to the girl after he left her at the hospital. He then continued on to Austria.—France-Presse and United Press.

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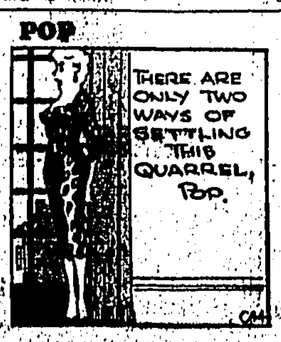

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CANADIAN GOVT HARD-PRESSED

Opposition Demands Answers To Troops' Position At Gaza

Ottawa, Mar. 12.

External Affairs Minister Lester B. Pearson will make a general statement of Canada's position in Middle East problems tomorrow in the Commons, Prime Minister Louis St Laurent told the House today.

The Opposition peppered the Prime Minister with questions and he said arrangements would be made for a general foreign affairs debate.

Howard Green (PC-Vancouver Quadra) asked the Prime Minister to state Canada's position on "Nasser's further humiliation of Canada" in reportedly refusing to let additional Canadian troops land in Egypt for assignment to the United Nations Emergency Force.

St Laurent said there had been "no humiliation of Canada" that required a statement by him, and that the troops had not yet reached the Middle East.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Opposition leader John Diefenbaker then asked St Laurent whether it was true that Col Gamal Abdel Nasser was "withholding permission for the landing of Canadian reinforcements for the hard-pressed troops in the Gaza strip."

St Laurent said there had been "very conflicting reports" about the position in Gaza, and said no Canadian reinforcements had arrived at Naples, the staging base for movement to Egypt.

"The last dispatch I have seen from our Ambassador in Cairo was that a misunderstanding had been cleared up by Dr (Ralph) Bunche, on instructions from the Secretary-General," St Laurent said.

Bunche is the personal emissary in Egypt of UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

"Was it Nasser who misunderstood?" the Prime Minister was asked.

NO DEALINGS

"I have had no dealings with Nasser, and I do not propose to have any dealings with him," St Laurent said.

"I am not on the spot and I can't tell you the minute to minute developments."

"Has the Canadian Government made any protest to Egypt over their decision to take over administration of the Gaza strip?" Green asked.

"That is a matter which will be dealt with by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Pearson) tomorrow," St Laurent said.

Harold Winch (CCF—Vancouver East) demanded that the Government inform Parliament what instructions had been given to the Canadians in UNEF, if they were attacked.

SELF-DEFENCE

"What is the position of our troops in being able to defend themselves and hold their positions?" He asked. "What is the position of our Canadian troops in the right to fire?"

St Laurent said he hoped the hypothesis on which Winch's question was based "will never arise." He said Pearson would elaborate tomorrow. — United Press.

Demonstrator Dies In Gaza

Gaza, Mar. 12.

A PALESTINE refugee allegedly wounded when demonstrators tried to break into UNEF headquarters on Sunday died today and mourners carried his body in solemn procession to the cemetery.

Twenty-year-old mechanic Mahmoud Mohammed Musreff was allegedly shot in the back during the demonstration but it was not known whether by ricochetting bullets from UNEF fire or by stray shots from the crowd.

UNEF commanders insisted their troops fired in the air while breaking up the demonstration.

Dr Ibrahim Khalil, head of the El Zouhour Hospital, said Musreff died there this morning from shock and multiple injuries.—United Press.

SUBMARINE MISSILE CARRIER NOW

Washington, Mar. 12.

The US Navy Secretary, Mr Charles Thomas, said today a new atomic submarine, equipped with intercontinental ballistic weapons, would be able to "hit practically any target in the world."

He was testifying before a Senate Armed Forces Committee, studying US Navy projects.

The new submarines, Mr Thomas said, could "approach their launching site at top speed, surface, fire a missile, submerge and be gone."

He added: "Their mobility, their ability to hide, their lethal striking power, make the nuclear-powered-missile equipped submarines most potent weapons.—France-Presse.

Small-Pox Strikes Calcutta

Calcutta, Mar. 12.

Altogether 110 people died of small-pox in Calcutta last week — one death every 90 minutes —it was officially stated here today.

The disease struck altogether 259 persons during the week, as compared with 154 the previous week, when 101 people died.

The Municipal health authorities have vaccinated 1,800,000 of the city's 2,500,000 inhabitants in a drive to stamp out the epidemic.—France-Presse.

Ambassadors Appointed

Washington, Mar. 12.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously ratified the appointment of four new American ambassadors, nominated by President Eisenhower.

The four new ambassadors are: David Bruce to West Germany, Amory Houghton to France, William Sebald to Australia and Elbridge Durbrow to South Vietnam.

The Committee also approved the promotion of Thorsten Kalijarvi, in charge of the economic section at the State Department, to the rank of Assistant Secretary of State.—France-Presse.

Budget Economy Details Wanted

Washington, Mar. 12.

The House of Representatives decided today to press President Eisenhower for details of possible economies in the $71,800 million (about £25,714 million sterling) budget for the coming fiscal year.

It adopted a proposal to table for immediate debate a resolution requesting the President to detail how budget economies could be effected.

Republicans described the move as a "buck-passing" proposal, and maintained that responsibility for reductions in the budget lay with Congress.

Democrats said the move was logical, as Cabinet officials had admitted publicly that the budget was too big. It was merely "a courtesy", to ask the President to help.—Reuter.

Addis Ababa, Mar. 12.

Vice-President Richard Nixon said here today that he had discussed American military and economic aid for Ethiopia with Emperor Haile Selassie and other Ethiopian leaders.

The American leader, who is touring Africa after attending the Ghana independence celebrations, declined to give details of the decisions taken. He was speaking at a press conference. —China Mail Special.

LATEST FASHION TROUSERS FOR TRADE FAIR

To celebrate this year's Men's Trade Fair in London, Stanmor have introduced fashion trousers for men. Picture left shows "Jungle"—tight-fitting trousers in leopard-print fabric, and "Dandy" — tight-fitting trousers with black pinstripe, with strap under foot and fob; picture right shows "Tartan"—a tartan pattern with narrow legs and slit pockets, and "Fiesta", in all colours—including pink and pale blue.—Express Photo.

V-BOMBERS LEAVE FOR CHRISTMAS ISLAND TESTS

London, Mar. 12.

Four Valiant bombers of the Royal Air Force left England today for Christmas Island to take part in the hydrogen bomb tests there high over the Pacific next April.

An Air Ministry spokesman said that this meant the preparations for "Operation Grapple" were now complete. The squadron selected to carry out the tests is No. 49, one of the oldest in the RAF.

The departure of the Valiants was to have been given considerable publicity including a press visit, but this was called off at the last moment. The reason was to allay possible political repercussions from governments over whose territory the planes will fly, it was understood here.

'Top Secret'

Their route to the Pacific has been made "top secret." One of them may be carrying parts of the hydrogen bomb, according to sources in London.

The main task force including the aircraft carrier, Warrior, is already nearing the central Pacific, where an area of about 900 miles round Christmas Island has been declared a danger area.

When the hydrogen bomb explosion takes place it is expected to be one of the most powerful ever engineered by man, the sources said.

Meanwhile a pacifist Labour member of Parliament, Frank Allaun, who has been very active in the House of Commons in raising the question of British H-bomb tests, mentioned today, in a question to the Prime Minister, the rapid rise of atomic strontium in children's bones resulting from a general increase of radio-activity in the atmosphere.

No Reliable Evidence

Macmillan said that no reliable evidence has yet contradicted the recent report of the Medical Research Council. In this report, medical scientists pointed out that atomic hazards in Britain come much more from the use of X-Ray apparatus by doctors, dentists and shoe-shops (particularly shoe-shops) than from the increase of the general level of radio-activity in the atomsphere.

The Prime Minister said that a subcommittee of the Medical Research Council is continuously working on the question of radio-activity. Reports are made from time to time and the Government is continuously informed of the level of radio-activity in the atomsphere.

Macmillan pointed out that there was no evidence of a new danger.

Appeals to stop the tests were sent today to the Prime Minister and his predecessor, Sir Winston Churchill by representatives of the residents of Woodford (Essex), Sir Winston's parliamentary division.

They were unanimously endorsed at a meeting organised in the town by various local Liberal, Labour and peace bodies. The appeal called for an approach to be made to the United States and the Soviet Union with a view to stopping all nuclear tests.—China Mail Special & France-Presse.

Byrd's Funeral On Thursday

Washington, Mar. 12.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will be buried with full military honours in Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, the Navy said today.

Funeral services for the explorer, who died in his sleep last night, will be held at 1500 GMT at the Fort Myer, (Va.), chapel adjacent to the cemetery. The services will be conducted by Navy chaplain Capt. John D. Zimmerman.—United Press.

World Seismographs Still Dancing

NO TIDAL WAVE DANGER

San Francisco, Mar. 12.

A rumbling series of aftershock earthquakes in the Aleutian Islands kept seismograph needles dancing around the world today.

But the authorities said there was no sign of new tidal wave danger.

The initial tremor in the Arctic island chain last Saturday sent a five-foot tidal wave rolling across the Pacific, causing considerable havoc in Hawaii and Japan and some small damage on the southern Pacific coast.

In addition to the continuing earth shocks, a long-dormant volcano on Umnisk Island in the Aleutians came to life during the past two days, belching huge clouds of steam and causing some 25 natives to flee the island village of Nikolski.

Not Related

However, University of California seismologists in Berkeley said they believed the volcano and the quakes were not related.

"It's probably just a coincidence," the assistant seismologist, John Meeker, told the United Press. "This is undoubtedly a tectonic quake caused by a shift in the earth's crust. Volcanic quakes are usually purely local in nature. For instance, the quakes which accompany the periodic volcanic eruptions in Hawaii are rarely ever strong enough to be recorded here."

Magnitude Of 7

The Aleutian volcano, 8,000-foot Mount Vesivdo, is believed to have been inactive for 200 years. Its resurgence had the natives "plenty scared", according to an airline agent on the island.

"They think that volcano is ready to blow its top," he said.

The strongest quake today was recorded by the Berkeley seismograph, and had a magnitude of 7 on the Richter scale of 10. It was also recorded in Weston, Massachusetts, and at Fordham University in New York.

A seismologist at the University of California, Don Tocher, said the quake was still registering nearly two hours after the first jolt.—United Press.

EUROPEAN FREE TRADE AREA

Fishing Industry Bill Hit

London, Mar. 12.

Sir Robert Boothby, Conservative member of Parliament, said tonight that the exclusion of all foodstuffs from the proposed European free trade area would be far too "ruthless."

Sir Robert was speaking in the House of Commons during the second reading—approval in principle—of the white fish and herring industries bill, which provides government grants to help the fishing industry.

He said: "Commonwealth interests must, of course, be safeguarded, but if herrings are excluded as a foodstuff from the project, it will be of no benefit to the Commonwealth and the United Kingdom export trade to Europe will inevitably be killed stone dead.

VIGOROUS REVIVAL

"At this moment the export trade in smoked, frozen and cured herrings shows signs of a vigorous revival, but faced with a 10 per cent import duty into Europe from which our chief competitors, the Dutch, would be exempted, we could not stand it.

"Some compromise on this will be essential, if we are going into this free market arrangement."

Britain has opposed the inclusion of agriculture and foodstuffs in the free trade area arrangement. — China Mail Special.

37 Students For China

Singapore, Mar. 12.

Thirty-seven students were among 160 passengers bound for China, who sailed from Singapore today in the 3,370-ton Blissful. There were no dockside incidents.

Thirty of the students were from Sarawak and Borneo.—Reuter.

Anniversary Of Dr Sun's Death

Paris, Mar. 12.

The Canton Medical College was today renamed the Sun Yat Sen Medical College at a meeting marking the 32nd anniversary of the death of Dr Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, the New China News Agency reported.

President Ko Lin of the College told a gathering of over 3,000 that in 1886, Dr Sun studied in the Po Chi Hospital medical school, the predecessor of the College. During the one year there, he did propaganda work for the revolution besides studies.

Ko Lin added that after the 1895 abortive revolt in Canton, Dr Sun managed to avoid arrest with the help of the hospital. After the 1911 revolution, Dr Sun presented a donation to the hospital.—France-Presse.

FAMOUS ACTRESS DIES

New York, Mar. 12.

Actress Josephine Hull, 80, who endeared herself to millions of stage and film fans as a murderous old lady in "Arsenic and Old Lace" and an alcoholic's insane sister in "Harvey", died today after a long illness.

Mrs Hull, sister-in-law of actor Henry Hull, was forced by illness to withdraw from the cast of the play "The Solid Gold Cadillac" before it had completed its Broadway run.

She suffered a stroke that left her partly paralyzed and was in a hospital for some time before she died. She was a patient at St Barnabas Hospital at the time of her death. — United Press.

OLLENHAUER TO VISIT ISRAEL

Bonn, Mar. 12.

West German Socialist opposition chief Erich Ollenhauer will fly to Israel next Monday for a one-week visit, a spokesman for his party announced today.

He is going at the invitation of the Israeli Government and the Socialist Mapai Party. The spokesman said he planned talks with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion during his stay there.

Ollenhauer returned only recently from a trip to the US and Canada.—United Press.

BC University Head Coming To Hongkong

Vancouver, Mar. 12.

Dr N. A. M. Mackenzie, President of the University of British Columbia (UBC) leaves Vancouver on Wednesday for a month-long trip to the Orient.

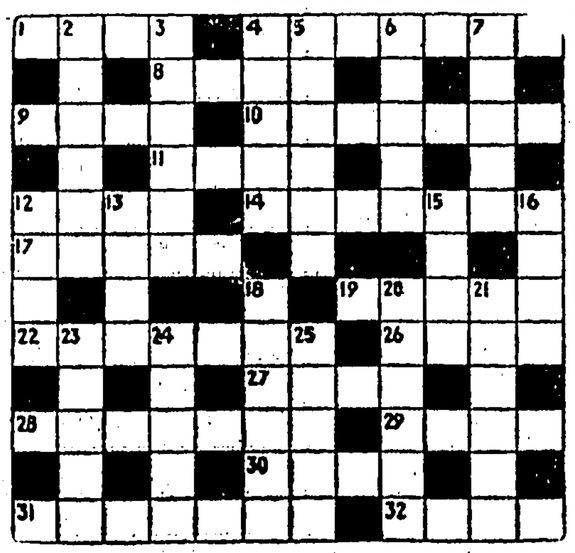
Mr MacKenzie would go first to Japan where, as guest of the Japanese Government he would visit universities and colleges there.

He would discuss possibilities of exchange of staff and students and development of UBC's Department of Far East and Asian students.

Similar talks would be held with officials at the University of Hongkong.

Mr MacKenzie returns to Vancouver on April 14.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Accustomed (4).
4 Plunder (7).
8 Copied (4).
9 Stuff (4).
10 Demureness (7).
11 It's not, however, the principal river of Germany! (4).
12 Domesticated (4).
14 Cultivators (7).
17 Dodge (5).
19 Large (5).
22 Table support (7).
26 Goes wrong (4).
27 Finishes (4).
28 Hostile intruder (7).
29 Metal (4).
30 Empty (4).
31 Duct (7).
32 Deserve (4).

DOWN

2 The right story for the breakfast-table? (6).
3 Stopped up (6).
4 Send (5).
5 Beau (6).
6 Bombard (5).
7 Provide for (5).
12 Try out (4).
13 Dumb (4).
15 Always (4).
16 Collections (4).
18 Part of a jacket (6).
20 Dwell (6).
21 Zeal (6).
23 Stock farm (5).
24 Blemish (5).
25 Enlist (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Fallal, 5 Dunce, 8 Ripen, 9 Muslin, 10 Sires, 11 Digit, 12 Nail, 13 Rests, 16 Detest, 18 Grilled, 20 Eases, 22 Shug (rev), 23 Storm, 25 Sepia, 26 Iodine, 27 Greed, 28 Stamp, 29 Reason. Down: 1 Feminine, 2 Lashings, 3 Arid, 4 Limited, 5 Desired, 6 Unites, 7 Crest, 14 Stencils, 15 Shagreen, 16 Dastard, 17 Terrier, 19 Resign, 21 Alert, 24 Mode.

ENVOY TO HUNGARY RETURNS

New York, Mar. 12.

Edward Thompson Wailes, who was sent last November to fill the post of United States Minister in Budapest, returned to the United States today, without having presented his credentials to the Hungarian Government.

Wailes had been instructed by the American Government not to hand over his credentials because, he said, "We thought the present government did not represent the people."

He said he did not think a "serious uprising" could take place in Hungary now because of the presence of Soviet troops.

But, he added, "the Hungarian people are the bravest I've seen anywhere. Given half a chance, they will do what they can."—France-Presse.

POLICE CHIEF

Seoul, Mar. 12.

The South Korean Government may promote Seoul police chief, Suh Chung Hak, to the post of National Police Chief.

Former National Police Chief, Kim Chong Won, was appointed Dean of the Police College.—Reuter.

Singapore, Mar. 12.

Mr S. Jagannathan, President of the Singapore Trade Union Congress, said tonight his organisation was likely to accept an invitation to send two delegates to May Day celebrations in China.—Reuter.

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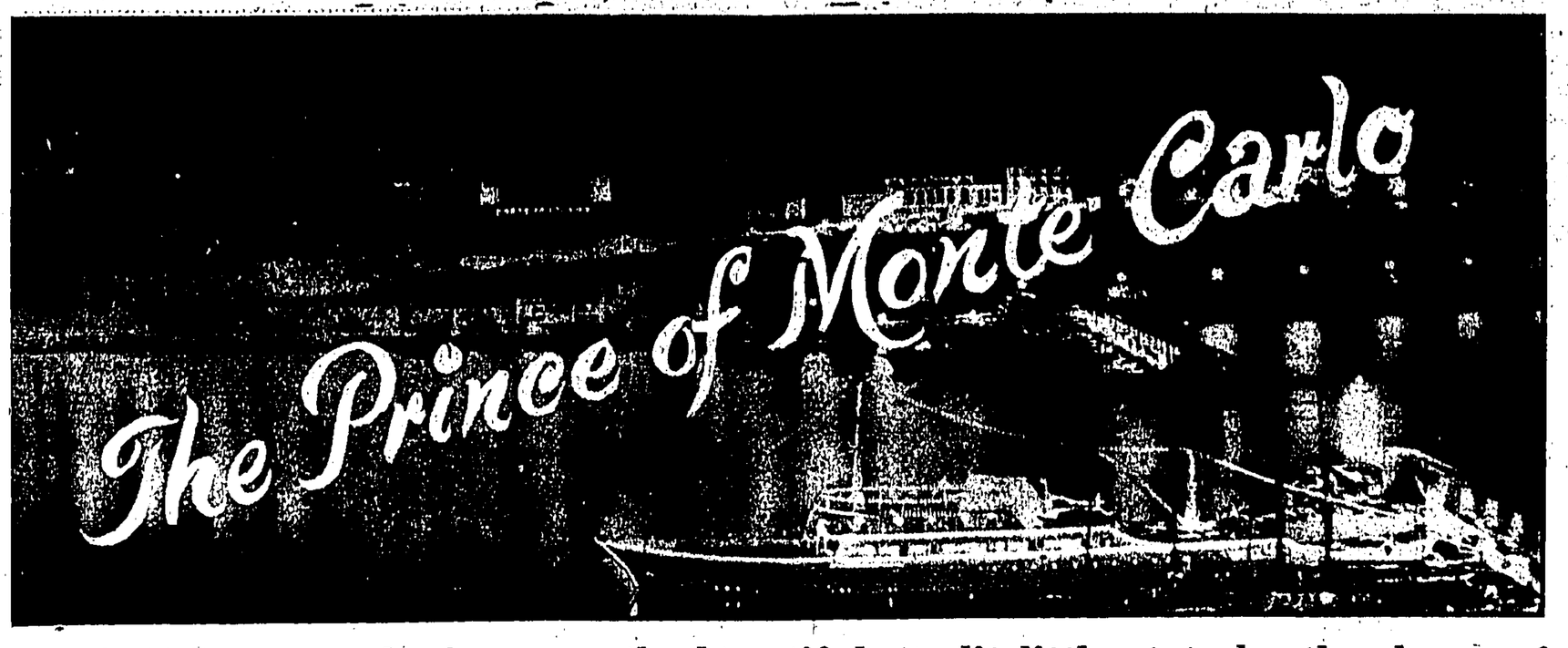

CLOUDS were gathering over the beautiful, sunlit little state by the shores of the Mediterranean.

Rainier's sister Antoinette, lovely and not a little wilful, was flouting the more conservative Monegasques by going about with a dashing professional tennis player named Aleco Noghes.

And, what was perhaps even more important, takings at the Monte Carlo Casino had been going into a steep decline for several months. For the first time since the French Revolution, Monegasques were seriously worried about the future of their country.

At four o'clock in the afternoon on March 9, 1949, Prince Louis II died. A short, formal announcement at the Palace gates said: "Louis II, by the Grace of God Sovereign Prince of Monaco, has passed away." It was signed "Rainier III, by the Grace of God Sovereign Prince of Monaco." The little Prince of Summerfields and Stowe, the wartime subaltern, had become the ruler of his people.

The first thing that Prince Rainier did when he found himself the 26th ruler of Monaco was to announce that the mornings at the Palace henceforth belonged to plain Mr Grimaldi and that affairs of State would have to wait for the afternoon. A French newspaper promptly dubbed him "The Prince who Reigns in the Afternoon." In many ways the description was quite apt.

Rainier hates pomp and circumstance and is only willing to put up with ceremony when it appears to be essential to the running of the country. Head of a lilliputian state, he has no illusions about his importance; he realises that too much stress on gaudy uniforms, formal audiences and fanfares would throw him into ridicule. It is hard enough for a modern Prince to keep a straight face when dealing with "Affairs of State" which centre largely around local rates, a new school building or new uniforms for Monaco's fire brigade. For Rainier, right from the start, everything had to be in its place. He would play his full part as reigning Prince, but for the rest, since one could run Monaco with an eye on the treasury and a hand on the great seal, he would enjoy himself and have a good and full life. Most Monegasques seemed to think he was right.

The vast Palace, with its 300-odd rooms, its tall ceilings and its immense frescoes could never be a real home for a young man of the nineteen fifties. Rainier felt his loneliness very acutely at first. He agreed to see foreign envoys and dignitaries in the beautiful red and gold Throne Room. Otherwise, he announced, he would lead his own life in his private apartments, a lounge with fitted grey carpets, low modern furniture, a television set and an expensive record-player, a small dining-room with a table just large enough to seat six guests, a bedroom which was functional in the extreme and a bathroom. That was enough for him.

The Prince

Everywhere he went in those first few weeks of his reign he was greeted by strange, amusing, anachronistic legacies of the past. The Palace garage, a large vaulted affair, contained two cars, both models worthy of an exhibition; there was an ancient high-wheeled Rolls-Royce, its chrome work still shining after thirty years, and a dashing hispano-suiza of the type in vogue in the 1900's. There were also seven chauffeurs in the total Palace staff of 89. Promptly he said: "I can drive. Two chauffeurs, not working very hard, will be plenty for me." But, against this economy, he replaced grandfather's two antique automobiles by five cars altogether, an American Mercury, a French Vedette, two Italian models, both supercharged, and a custom-built sports car whose engine he had helped to design.

What is the use of having fast cars if one has to drive at a sedate pace? Rainier drove his cars, as he does everything else, fast and competently. Naturally he had his ups and downs. He once jumped clear from a sports car just as it was hurtling down a precipice in the Alps. Another time he told Palace officials that he would be away for a week, climbed into one of the supercharged jobs with a friend and disappeared in a cloud of dust. Three days later, Monegasques reading details of the gruelling Tour de France automobile rally were flummoxed to read that a competitor named Louis de Carlades had very nearly lost his life somewhere in Northern France when his co-driver went to sleep at the wheel and their car wrapped itself around a tree. Count Louis de Carlades was, of course, their good and wise Prince.

Not long after his coming to the Throne, Rainier made the first important concession to the gay and easy life of the Riviera: he took off his tie—in the mornings only—and wore an open-necked sports shirt, the only sensible apparel in Monaco's warm climate. Then he took to wearing shorts.

When he was seen, clad in a breezy Californian sun outfit, athletically running down the hill to what the Monegasques amusingly call *le Beach*, court officials gasped. Was this the way of a Prince of the Blood? It certainly was and what was more, they were told bluntly, "You ain't see nothing yet ...."

Who Reigns In The

His fishing expeditions filled them with great despondency. Rainier never goes fishing, like most other people, with a rod and line. That's far too tame. He puts on flippers and a mask, breathes through a tube and carries an automatic harpoon.

One day, he and a friend were exploring the rocky submarine approaches to the coast of Corsica when they suddenly came across a vast cave completely occupied by the most enormous sea-cow they had ever seen—about 800 pounds of dangerously clumsy marine life. They took a photograph of it, flipped their way up to their boat and discussed ways of spearing the beast.

Rainier already saw in that sea-cow his first gift to the Oceanographic Museum when his companion said, "Of course, I'll go after it...."

"Why do you say 'of couse?'" Rainier asked sharply.

"But, only because you are the Prince of Monaco and I am nobody," his friend replied. Rainier was furious.

"It is *because* I am the Prince of Monaco that I order you to leave me alone ..." he stormed. "If you as much as hinder me ... I'll ... I'll exile you."

Telling a Monegasque that he may no longer live in Monte Carlo is to sentence him to a slow and painful death, so his friend obeyed. Rainier speared the sea-cow very expertly and returned home bubbling with pleasure as his boat towed the huge mammal into the harbour.

Rainier loves music and owns his own battery of jazz drums which he plays with a curious, lonely concentration. Strangely enough, he also loves classical music and especially opera and ballet. He was delighted to discover that one of his princely prerogatives was that he had the right to order the complete repertoire of the Monte Carlo Opera House for a whole season. He did so with great taste and interest and often attended rehearsals, especially since he found that an old custom, unchanged for 150 years, dictated that a dozen bottles of the best champagne should always be kept on ice in the Prince's Box for his convenience. He once held a party in that box in the middle of the afternoon.

Above all, he soon made it clear that Rainier the man intended to be left alone. He travelled incognito everywhere, attended sports meetings (he has a ringside seat for Monaco's football matches since his windows overlook the stadium), and he even drove himself to Nice or Menton for an evening at the cinema in the local equivalent of the three-and-ninepennies. A secretary once found him there during the interval still wearing his sunglasses: Rainier hates to be recognised.

The Prince's official work never, happily, interfered with his play but what there was of it, Rainier performed sincerely and efficiently. In the first few months of his reign, for instance, he formed a local scientific society, instituted a literary prize, ordered a special medal to be struck to reward services rendered in the field of education and co-operated with the United Nations in making Monte Carlo an important conference centre. Stamps occupied him quite a lot. New ones had to be printed and once, inspecting thousands of stamps bearing his effigy being rolled off the presses, he remarked, "It always seems strange to me that people should want to buy my face. . . . If I were a film star, they might have value for their money. . . ." It was an almost prophetic statement by the future husband of Grace Kelly.

Ceremonial duties begin auspiciously for him by being almost non-existent since Monaco observed a six-month period of mourning for Prince Louis. But in the morning of November 19, 1949, his personal standard was run up, for the first time, on the tall Saint Mary Tower of the Palace. The Prince, dressed in his handsome light blue uniform with the red and gold epaulettes attended a solemn service of dedication in Monaco's Cathedral. Later, the authorities of the State made their obeisance to him and the Mayor presented him with the keys of the city, saying "Assembled in this ancient Palace, witness of so many memorable events, the Monegasque people recognise Your Serene Highness at the start of His Reign, as their legitimate Sovereign, present him with the expression of their traditional devotion and assure him of their unalterable loyalty."

Afternoon

Later, Rainier took the salute at a march past of the Monaco Carabineers — all eighty-five of them—led by their Commander, a retired French Army Colonel called Rene Severac. In the evening, under the glittering chandeliers of the Throne Room, he shook hands with forty-one foreign envoys.

TOMORROW:

Ceremonial Duties

By My Beard!

BEARDS are now right back in the fashion, though one wonders how many wearers realise the amount of disturbance they have caused throughout the course of history? Beards have caused plenty of trouble of a public kind; what commotions they have created in family circles no one can assess.

In Russia, in the days of Peter the Great, men went to prison rather than shave. Alexander the Great compelled his soldiers to remove their beards because his enemies made a practice of grabbing a soldier's beard with one hand, and hacking off his head with a weapon held in the other hand.

In France, during the 17th century, beards went out of fashion after Louis XIII chose to be clean shaven; and when beards went out, wigs came in.

A century ago, the King of Bavaria who was very fond of his razor, made a law forbidding citizens from proclaiming their manhood by whiskers, and history records one foolish fellow, with vanity outrunning his discretion, being sent to prison for seven years for permitting a tiny growth upon his upper lip.

Shaved After Sermon

In England, at the time of Henry the First, it was an offence to grow a beard, but Henry, being of Royal blood, thought that he might get away with it. He was mistaken. At church one morning, the Archbishop of Canterbury preached a sermon containing such a lurid picture of hell as being full of bearded people that the King burst into tears and was shorn promptly after.

In the wars of the 11th century, Crusaders and Saracens were able to identify friend and foe because the Crusaders alone were clean shaven. There was, however, an unfortunate case of mistaken identity in 1098 when Crusaders, after attacking Antioch, killed some of their own number, because in the stress of battle they had not found time to shave.

By Elizabethan days, the shaping of beards had become a symbol of status; a man's profession, and even his attitude of mind, could be assumed from the cut of his beard. Fighting men were encouraged to trim their beards to the shape of a stiletto. The cult of the beard developed aspects of such National importance that in 1558 a proposal was made, in all seriousness, to tax them.

Bearded Queen

In the ancient civilisations, too, beards were associated with personal prestige. In Egypt, the rank of the wearer was indicated by the shape and length of the beard. Many face adornments were, apparently, false and consisted of tufts of hair held in place by cords looped over the ears.

It was said of Queen Hatshepsut in the 16th century B.C. that she wore a false beard and dressed like a man at all public ceremonies in order to conceal her sex and, thus, attempt to retain all the powers of a Pharaoh for herself.

In Britain, beards were at the height of popularity about the eighteen-fifties, possibly as the result of people at home seeing soldiers returning from foreign service with beards and elegant side - whiskers. Fashionable among the professional classes was the Vandyke style, though, with the turn of the century, beards of a less distinguished kind won favour.

Barred By The Handlebar

Perhaps the best news for all students of pogonotrophy (i.e. the science of beard cultivation) was the formation in Britain in 1947 of the Handlebar Club, one of the most exclusive clubs in the country. No one with a downy film on his lips, or even a toothbrush moustache, was, or is, eligible for membership. The candidate must display a moustache described as a "reasonable growth with graspable extremities." The proclaimed aim of the Club is to prove that wearers of beards and moustaches are men of character.

One factor militates against all these brave schemes to popularise whiskers. They disregard the fact that men grow old. Indeed the hair of some men turns grey and sometimes white before they are really middle-aged.

It can therefore be unwise, especially in some occupations, for a man to go about his job thrusting white whiskers upon the attention of his seniors who may not know that the man is not so old as he has chosen to make himself appear.

—RONALD HORTON

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A CABLE from Cuba says a wealthy South American has paid a plastic surgeon a large sum to provide his fiancee with a new nose because her own was "much too long."

I did not give my love a rose
I gave my love another nose.
A shorter nose to be my pride
And walk in beauty by my side.

• • •

I might have given her a yacht
But if I did I ask so what?
How would it look to any chap
That nose beneath a yachting cap?

• • •

She might have had a bathing pool
But then I might have felt a fool
To see her nose in water green
Surface like a submarine;
A conning tower rising sheer
Before the body does appear.

• • •

I might have given diamond rings,
A hundred precious pearls on strings;
Emeralds, rubies, jewels galore
A thousand dresses by Dior;
Fur coats to make the vulgar stare,
A million garlands for her hair;
But jewels and garlands don't belong
To noses half a yard too long.

• • •

I did not give my love a rose
I gave my love another nose.

Political note

DURING a recent by-election a reporter referred to "red-brick Tories," meaning, I suppose, artisans who live in little red-brick houses.

One of the illusions cherished here has always been that most Tories are rich and/or aristocratic living in mansions, old manor houses or luxury flats. Few ask themselves how a Tory Government could be elected to power supported only by rich and/or aristocratic voters, who must always be in a minority.

The old-fashioned Tory may have been responsible for the illusion. Those offering themselves for election were usually rich and/or aristocratic. They spent most of their winter days chasing little animals across the countryside, and shooting anything that moved (including gillies) during other seasons of the year.

Many of them lived to a great age with great heartiness, and drank quantities of port, which made them very red in the face.

They were certainly not red-brick Tories, but they could have been described as brick-red Tories "half as old as Time."

Sir Puss

AS reported here recently, the only caller at the new nest, situated in a district largely inhabited by retired Service officers, has been Sir Puss.

Sir Puss is an elderly black-and-white cat with a stiff military moustache whose white chest gives the impression that he is always dressed for dinner, The object of his many visits has been Lottie the Devil Cat, probably half his age and still retaining much of her kitten-hood beauty.

Lottie, accustomed to the rough and clumsy approaches of young alley cats in the neighbourhood she has left, was at first puzzled by the gentlemanly behaviour of her aging admirer.

In the world she knew a boy first showed interest by clipping you across the ear. If you were interested in a boy you sprang from an ambush, rolled him on his back, and bit his stomach.

Sir Puss has been rolled on his back several times during the past week or two, but on each occasion he has picked himself up, washed his shirt front, brushed his moustache, and waited calmly for the next assault without offering resistance or retaliation.

At first Lottie's doubtful origins and unfortunate environment gave her a feeling of inferiority in the presence of the unruffled assurance that comes of breeding, and may have accounted for her bad behaviour.

But gradually the influence of Sir Puss is having its effect. He is no longer assaulted when he calls; He is even invited in to supper.

Like the common girl in "Pygmalion", Lottie is being educated in gracious living and her character moulded by a gentleman though how long Sir Puss will remember he is a gentleman remains to be seen.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Six Bid On Nine Points

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN experts get together for rubber bridge, anything can happen and frequently does.

Since South is the hero of this piece, let's look at the reasons for his bids. He chose to open with only nine points because he felt like it. You can't argue with that reason.

He had two reasons for his rebid to four spades. He was sure that the opponents could make four hearts, and he thought he might make four spades.

He also had two reasons for his bid of six spades. He feared that the opponents could make

NORTH 12
♠ J 10 8 7 4
♥ 6
♦ Q J 10 3 6 4
♣ A

WEST
♠ A 3
♥ K J 8 7 4
♦ K
♣ K Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A Q 10 9 5 3 2
♦ 3
♣ J 8 5 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ K Q 9 6 2
♥ None
♦ A 9 8 6 2
♣ 9 6 4

Both vul.; North-South 60

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Double	3 ♠	4 ♥
4 ♠	5 ♥	5 ♠	6 ♥
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♣ K

six hearts and he hoped that they would bid seven instead of doubling him.

When he was doubled he did not like it, but he was pleased when he saw the dummy. He won the opening club lead and led a trump. West won with the ace and played a heart. South ruffed, drew West's last trump, and played the queen of diamonds. East played low, and South went up with the ace. When the king dropped, he spread his hand.

Now we come to the boob, brother East. If West had chosen to double six spades, we could call it bad luck. East had no double. Obviously, his ace of hearts would not take a trick, and if West had two sure tricks he would surely have doubled. East should have played safe by bidding seven hearts and taking the sacrifice.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Spade	Double	Pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠5 ♥Q J 10 8 7 6 3 ♦9 7 5 4 ♣2
What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. Maybe you will make it. In any event, you want to shut the opponents out.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠K 5 ♥6 3 2 ♦K J 3 ♣Q 10 8 7 4
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World

"I never quite know where Roger's going to take me, so I decided to be prepared for anything"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

BORN today, you men and women may appear to differ widely in basic characteristics. Both are attractive to members of the opposite sex—but for different reasons! You men are the intellectual, aloof individuals whose very difference makes you more appealing. You women, on the other hand, are natural hostesses—charming, witty with a good brain which you utilise in making yourself a good hostess.

You men are a little more introspective than those of the fair sex and are inclined to brood more over your shortcomings. You are a little more prone to become discouraged at setbacks and crawl back into a shell of seclusion. You women, on the other hand, take the same type of disappointment as a challenge and you will set out to exert all your feminine wiles to outwit fate and get exactly what you are after.

Both of you have the ability to "think on your feet," and no matter how difficult a situation, you can wriggle out of it by some hook or crook. And it doesn't take you very long to figure out a solution, either. Your talent for analysis is almost intuitive and you have a problem figured out clearly before most others have even begun to think!

Among those born on this date were: Percival Lowell, astronomer; David Mendoza, conductor; William Orr, inventor and manufacturer; William F. Warren, educator; Ernest Ingersoll, author and lecturer; Frances Adair, actress; and Walter Walker, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Put your best foot forward, make a good appearance, and be co-operative. The results should be satisfactory.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Be sure that you attend to all detail work conscientiously. It might count for more than you think in the final result.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Those in merchandising, especially that devoted to juvenile apparel, should find the day especially rewarding.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Domestic and home affairs are likely to take much of your attention today. Put everything in order.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't start something new today unless you have your desk cleared of old jobs! One thing at a time!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are alert to new and exciting possibilities then this can turn out to be a most successful day.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A great deal is expected of you today in the way of progress. See that you come up to all anticipations.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This is your day for doing a good deed. Someone who needs your guidance may come to you for help. Give graciously.

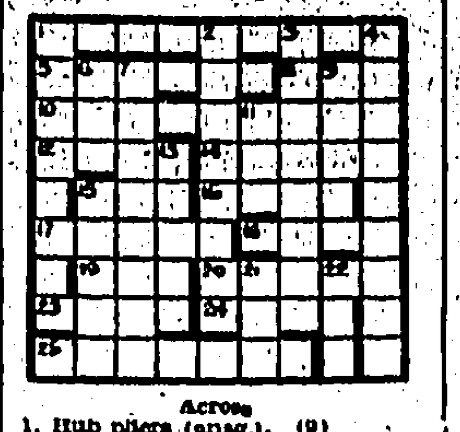
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Morning hours are highly inspirational. Use the latter part of the day for practical implementation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Get down to serious details. Clear up things which may have been pending for some time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Pay attention to intuitive suggestions today if you want the best possible results. Act on your own ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Complete unfinished tasks. Guard against a health upset. Robust vigour is necessary for your success now.

CROSSWORD

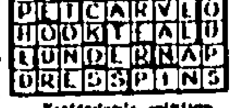


Across

1. Hub pliers (anag.). (9)
5. Score in future sultanas! (6)
8. Mares without the manuscript. (9)
10. A throwing out. (9)
12. Vale is a little altered. (4)
14. It sounds Russian—but it's tough for a suit. (5)
15. Betters from the bonesetter. (3)
16. Going it? You're burning the candle at both ends. (4)
17. Drab girl? (5)
18. This gives light around. (4)
19. Mary-call-the-cattle-home river. (4) 20. A lack of Edward. (5)
23. South east, two fifties for the Roman. (4)
24. It's a job. (4)
25. Sis gets among the upset tins. (7)

Down

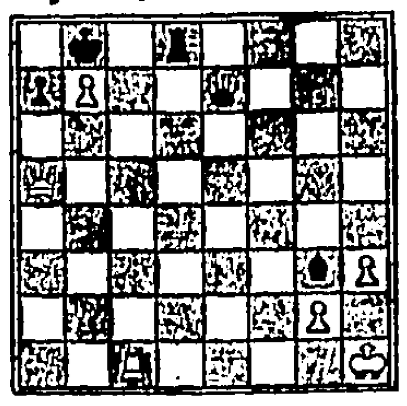
1. The prefect in short is against the notes of hand alone system. (8)
2. It often seems to describe youth. (8) 3. Crews, perhaps. (8)
4. They are guilty of defection. (9)
6. Sexes cross off the Hitler organisation. (3)
7. The dogs make a lass pine. (6)
9. Jolly for the pirates. (5)
11. Season less the relative. (3)
13. The French has it both ways with five from Rome in between. (6)
15. Drop the golden initial. (5)
21. Meal for a Scot. (3)
22. Spread out. (3)



Yesterday's solution

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A brilliant ending from actual play; how did White (Nimzovitch) force a win?

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1 R—Q2—a startling key-move.

WOMANSENSE

"Escale", a woollen outfit from Jean Patou's spring-summer collection. The collarless jacket has a smooth and supple line and is three-quarter in length. Note the length of the skirt which is just below the knee.—Agence France-Presse.

Nuts Add Nutrition To Protein Foods

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"WE chop nutmeats and sprinkle them over a salad, cake or sundae," remarked the Chef. "We stir them into the batter for muffins or cookies; toast and serve them on vegetables or chow mein; brown them in butter to use in Sauce Meuniere for broiled fish.

"We take nutmeats from a bag or tin, or even from the shells, but never do we stop to think where they are grown.

"From the jungles of Brazil come the great big Brazil nuts. From the South and Southwest States come the pecans. And during this tour of the Pacific States, we have seen groves of filberts in Oregon and tasted the delicious walnuts and almonds in the huge groves of California."

"And almost never, Chef," I added, "when we use nutmeats in a food, do we count their high nutritive values. Nuts are a good source of fat and contain considerable vegetable protein of high biological value. This is activated to full protein efficiency when combined or served with meat, milk, cheese or animal protein."

Dinner
Grapefruit Salad
Baked Beans
Brown Bread
Panned Bacon
Escalloped Tomatoes
Baked Honey Nut Drop Cakes
or Apple-Pear Sauce
Coffee Tea Milk
Brown Bread

All Measurements Are Level recipes proportioned to serve 4 to 6

Panned Bacon: To pan-fry, use slices cut ¼" thick. Allow 2 or 3 slices for each serving. Start to pan-fry in a cold skillet and gradually heat. Turn once. Cook only until beginning to brown, not until crisp.

Honey Nut Drop Cakes: Cream ½ c. butter or margarine. Blend in ½ c. sugar, the fine-grated peel 1 lemon and 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice.

Separate 2 eggs. Blend in the yolks.

Sift together 3¼ c. already-sifted enriched flour, ¼ tsp. salt and 1 tsp. baking soda. Add ¾ c. chopped filbert, pecan, almond or walnut meats.

Stir alternately with 1 c. liquid honey into the first mixture.

Beat the egg whites and fold in.

Oil a large cookie sheet or inverted roasting pan. Drop on the dough by teaspoonfuls. Top each with additional chopped nutmeats. Bake 12 to 15 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Makes about 60.

These keep up to 3 weeks in a closed container or may be wrap-sealed and frozen.

Baked Apple-Pear Sauce: In a 3 pt. buttered or margarined casserole, combine 6 tart cooking apples and 4 winter pears, any variety — cored, peeled and cut in eighths.

Add 1 c. light brown sugar, ½ c. water or cider and ½ tsp. grated nutmeg or the grated rind ¼ lemon. Cover. Bake 3 hrs. in a slow oven, 325° F., or until the sauce is red.

Serve warm, plain or topped with half-scoops of ice cream; or chill and top with sweetened whipped cream.

Trick of the Chef

When making grapefruit salad, use lemon French dressing and plenty of paprika.

FAITH SHIPWAY reports from PARIS

A "BEAUTY MANNEQUIN" HAS NO SLIMMING WORRIES

YOU do not have to have a perfect figure to be a mannequin in Paris now, nor do you have to slim down to an eighteen-inch waist. One of the oldest perfume houses in Paris now has established the post of "beauty mannequin"—and a new career has been dreamed up for women.

Roger Gallet purposely chose a girl who is not a model type, but someone who, because of her natural healthy good looks and personal charm can win the confidence of women anxious to improve their looks, or seek advice about make-up.

Caroline is just an ordinary girl, born in the suburbs of Paris, who has never worried about calories or proteins.

Her role is to visit the big cities and towns of France where, in one of the principal shops she welcomes women of all ages, answers their questions about beauty products, gives them tips about make-up.

In no sense a beautician, she does not give facials or treatments, but is there only as consultant. Because she has a warm disposition she is able to talk naturally on a subject many women are shy about discussing.

I found Caroline enthusiastic about her work, and proud of being the first "beauty mannequin" in Paris. When she is not travelling, she helps in a shop in the fashionable Faubourg Saint Honore.

—(London Express Service).

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

MR HECTOR KORUTHAIOLOS has been amazed at the friendly overtures made to him by masters even before his boy, young Hector, has entered Narkover.

Several masters have sent him prospectuses and details of companies in which they are interested, and he has received more than a dozen outlines of attractive financial schemes. One over-eager parent has written: "I'm sure your boy and mine will get on well together, and nothing would give us more pleasure than if you would let your lad stay with us for a while during the holidays." Meanwhile Dr Smart-Allick has extracted another £100 from the proud father, as "the usual parents' contribution to our Sports Fund."

A revolution in photography

THE invisible photograph* reproduced above was taken by a microcamera. It is the smallest photograph ever taken, and ushers in the era of invisible photography. It will enable band-leaders and film people to be photographed as often as they like without the inconvenience to the public of having to see their faces. It will also save space, stimulate curiosity, banish headaches and sleeplessness, and promote frenzied good will.

* The process was invented by Professor Katzmiet, while working on thermo-hypnotics in the laboratories at Schnipfenstubel.

The dancing elephant

THE music-hall elephant in Carlisle which has suddenly refused to dance, has probably only just realised how foolish these beasts look when dancing. At the fair at Vierzon years ago there was an elephant which had been taught to waltz with a badger. One day the badger jumped higher than the dance permits, and nipped his partner's trunk. "I huppo hoo hink hats hunny," said the elephant, speaking as though he had a cold in his trunk.

Strange events

A WOMAN has claimed that shortly after watching a bright object flash across the sky she saw a diminutive figure in a pointed steel helmet running down a dark street. Are We Being Watched? There is more in all this than meets the eye, as the tourist said when he peered into the crater of AEtna.

Dr Rhubarb's corner

F.N. asks: Is there any way of cooling porridge without blowing on it?

Dr Rhubarb says: Leave it on the doorstep all night.

TARGET

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A	**T**	O
T	A	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 15 words, good; 18 words, very good; 25 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Album alum ambit [illegible] IMMUTABLE [illegible]

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Baron Goes Flying

—Munchausen Borrows A Beautiful Pair of Wings—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, found their friend the Baron—his full names was Baron Munchausen—sitting in a rocking chair on the porch of his house, smoking a long clay pipe.

The Baron's house was behind the bookcase in the playroom. The house looked like a book from the front. But from behind—behind the bookcase—it looked exactly like a pleasant little cottage with morning-glories growing up the side and roses and bachelor-buttons in little patches all around.

Something Important

"Come in, my dears, come in and sit down. I can tell you have something important to ask me," said the Baron, waving Knarf and Hanid cheerfully up to the porch.

They sat themselves down on the porch.

"Baron Munschie," said Hanid, "would you mind telling us if you've ever been up in an aeroplane? Knarf said he didn't think you ever were."

Baron Munchausen puffed at his pipe for a moment or two in silence. Finally, he took the stem out of his mouth and smiled.

"My dears," he said, "I have done more than just fly in an aeroplane. I have been up in the air with wings."

"With wings?" exclaimed Hanid.

"Real wings?" asked Knarf.

Baron Munchausen nodded.

"Let me tell you the story from the beginning."

Remarkable Stories

The two shadow children, who had often listened to the Baron's stories—and most of them were very remarkable—waited quietly.

"It happened one very warm summer afternoon. I was lying down on the bank of the pond near the cattails and bullrushes. I thought I would take a little nap, for I felt very drowsy.

"Well," the Baron continued. "I had just closed my eyes for a moment but I hadn't fallen asleep—and that's important to remember—when all at once I heard a zo-oo-m!"

"Oh, was it an aeroplane?" Hanid asked.

"No, it was a dragonfly, a blue dragonfly with enormous yellow wings. It had just alighted on the stump of a tree nearby. The next moment another dragonfly came down and they began to speak.

"'I'd like to take a little walk down the path through the woods,' said the first dragonfly, 'but I can't. My wings are sure to brush against one of the trees and break.'

"'I have an idea,' said the second dragonfly. 'Let's take them off and leave them here till we come back.'"

"And did they, Baron Munschie?" Knarf asked.

Baron Munschie nodded.

Two Pairs Each

"They did, indeed. And the instant they were gone I went over to look at the wings. They were beautiful—all four pairs of them. You see, every dragonfly had two pairs of wings. Well, the more I looked at them, the more I felt like trying them out.

"'I'll have a little fly around,' I told myself, 'and be back before the dragonflies return.'

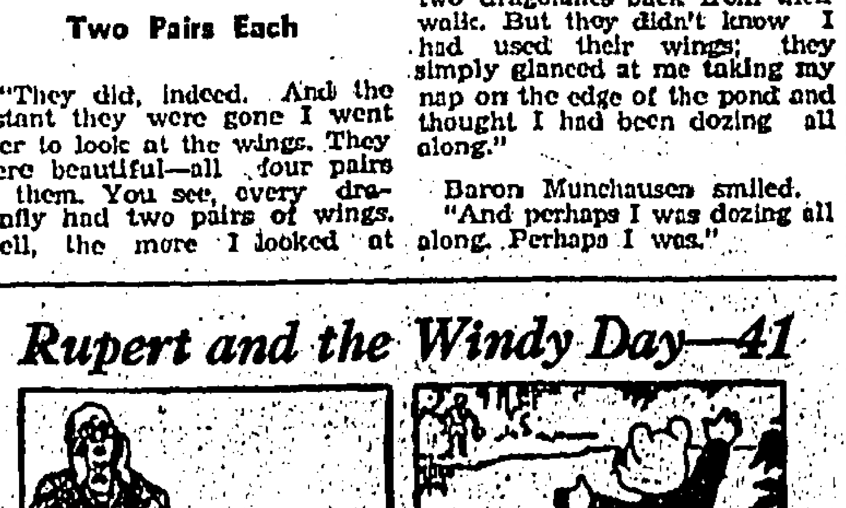
"So I put on the wings—they fitted exactly—right behind my shoulders. Then off I flew. It was glorious. I flew over the pond, and over the tree tops, then over the hill and back again.

"And just as I took the wings off and placed them back on the stump again, along came the two dragonflies back from their walk. But they didn't know I had used their wings; they simply glanced at me taking my nap on the edge of the pond and thought I had been dozing all along."

Baron Munchausen smiled. "And perhaps I was dozing all along. Perhaps I was."

The two dragonflies decided to take a walk.

Rupert and the Windy Day—41



Rupert looks round in anxiety. "What are we going to do?" he murmurs. "We can't get back through that passage. It's blocked." "We must shout for help," says the man. "There must be someone within earshot. Come on, all together, one, two three, HELP!" "Oh, dear, I can't shout. I can only squeak," says Willie. But they all try again, and then Rupert starts forward as a head appears among the distant bushes. "Look, there's somebody coming," he cries. "Oh, hooray! I do believe it's Geoffrey himself! Yes, there he is by the lakeside!"

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World Table Tennis Championships

Two Seeded Players Eliminated In Men's Singles

Stockholm, Mar. 12.

Two of the seeded players were eliminated during the first rounds of the Men's Singles in the World Table Tennis Championships here tonight. M. Gantner of Rumania, seeded as number six, was defeated in his first match by Fu Chi-fang of China by 21-15, 18-21, 21-11 and 21-16.

Later, the Hungarian Champion, Ferenc Sido, World Champion in 1953, was eliminated by England's Brian Kennedy by 21-17, 16-21, 21-12, 20-22 and 21-11.

Earlier in the Men's Singles tournament, Zoltan Dollnar, the Yugoslav star, was surprisingly beaten by Poland's Kusinski in three straight sets.

T Tsunoda, a member of the Japanese Swaythling Cup team, was also in trouble, but recovered strongly to enter the eighth round. Fu Chi-fang, who had earlier eliminated Gantner, seemed to have got the upper hand, but finally went down to Tsunoda's brilliant smashes which won him the match.

Tomi of Japan, the Women's Singles World Champion, also had a hard go before entering the seventh round. Mrs L. Leuberger of the United States, last year's Mixed Doubles World Champion, won the first two sets, but lost the match after a thrilling final set. Being 18-20 down, Mrs Neuberger equalled at 20-20 but then netted once and failed to reach a smash.

A request for service control of the Japanese made the American lady very unpopular with the crowd.

Results in the World Table Tennis Championships today were:—

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round: M. Bessinger (USA) beat E. Brell (Germany) walkover.

M. Covic (Yugoslavia) beat Diep Mong Hoang (Vietnam) walkover.

C. Chiu (China) beat A. Simon (Hungary) 21-15, 21-14, 21-13.

D. Fearon (Ireland) beat A. Spranger (Finland) 21-4, 21-16, 21-10.

L. Roedel (Germany) beat E. Carrington (England), 21-18, 22-20, 22-20.

V. Schwarzova (Czechoslovakia) beat F. Lyttik (Denmark) 21-15, 21-7, 21-13.

E. Krajcova (Czechoslovakia) beat I. Johannsson (Sweden) 21-8, 21-8, 21-12.

M. Trampuz (Yugoslavia) beat M. Jones (England) 15-21, 21-12, 21-17, 21-18.

H. Scheiner (Austria) beat S. Bengtsson (Sweden). 15-21, 21-14, 21-16, 21-15.

T. Namba (Japan) beat M. Alber (France) 21-14, 21-17, 17-21, 21-16.

L. Neuberger (US) beat U. Mittle Staedt (Germany) 21-12, 21-9, 21-9.

L. Brehemer (Sweden) beat G. Olsson (Sweden) 21-18, 16-21, 21-12, 21-16.

B. Sjoelund (Sweden) beat U. Fredler (Germany) 21-12, 21-16, 17-21, 16-21, 22-20.

M. Guzik (Poland) beat A. Lahey (Holland) 21-10, 21-12, 21-9.

B. Gray (Wales) beat H Hansen (Denmark) 21-19, 18-21, 21-19, 17-21, 21-17.

C. Rougagnou (France) beat A. Bates (Wales) 21-16, 21-18, 21-16.

Fifth Round: J. Williamson (New Zealand) beat S. Krizman (USA) 21-13, 21-7, 22-24, 21-10.

A. Thoele (Germany) beat G. Kihns (Denmark) 25-23, 22-20, 21-18.

M. Golopenta (Rumania) beat D. Nikolic (Yugoslavia) 19-21, 21-10, 21-14, 21-13.

M. Covic (Yugoslavia) beat U. Artz (Holland) 21-18, 21-18, 21-15.

I. Brehmer (Sweden) beat V. Roedelberger (Switzerland) 21-17, 21-9, 21-11.

A. Haydon (England) beat H. Elliott (Scotland) 21-18, 21-13, 21-17.

E. Krejcova (Czechoslovakia) beat B. Tvedt (Norway) 21-5, 21-3, 21-9.

I. Kerekes (Hungary) beat I. Colombo (Italy) walkover.

M. Wisktndt (Germany) beat Tran (Vietnam) walkover.

E. Thorsson (Sweden) beat R. Saari (Finland) 21-18, 21-8, 21-10.

L. Mosoczy (Hungary) beat R. Witter-Stroem (Sweden) 21-16, 21-17, 21-12.

S. Munkberg (Finland) beat H. Scheiner (Austria) 7-21, 23-21, 10-21, 21-17, 21-18.

Wie Sung-sook (Korea) beat C. Watel-Mathieu (France) 21-13, 21-15, 21-18.

A. Tozeanu (Rumania) beat L. Grafkova (Czechoslovakia) 21-8, 21-5, 21-10.

Eguchi (Japan) beat Schaan (Belgium) 21-4, 21-9, 21-10.

Watanabe (Japan) beat Detournay (Belgium) 21-3, 21-10, 21-11.

D. Rowe (England) beat Whang Ke-sun (Korea) 21-13, 21-8, 21-9.

M. Boslingher (USA) beat D. Wisman (Canada) 21-11, 21-19, 18-21, 21-18.

Yoi Pei-chun (China) beat D. Smith (Poland) 21-18, 21-9, 21-18.

B. Tegner (Sweden) beat M. Guglielmetti (Italy) 21-17, 21-19, 21-17.

N. Buckland (Australia) beat B. Gray (Wales) 21-16, 21-16, 21-19.

M. Jacquet (Switzerland) beat L. Roedel (Germany) 21-19, 22-24, 23-21, 21-13.

G. Roland (Belgium) beat B. Sjoelund (Sweden) 21-16, 21-16, 21-14.

S. Tegner (Sweden) beat D. Fearon (Ireland) 21-10, 21-9, 21-11.

T. Okawa (Japan) beat L. Neuberger (USA) 21-23, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19, 22-20.

E. Zeller (Rumania) beat J. Trampuz (Yugoslavia) 21-9, 21-12, 21-10.

Chiu Chung-hui (China) beat J. Rook (England) 21-13, 21-15, 16-21, 19-21, 21-12.

V. Schwarzova (Czechoslovakia) beat S. Petersson (Sweden) 21-7, 21-17, 21-9.

H. Houliston (Scotland) beat M. Shihan (USA) 21-19, 22-20, 4-21, 24-22.

G. Huebl (Austria) beat N. Guzik (Poland) 21-16, 21-16, 12-21, 16-21, 22-20.

Choi Kyong-ja (Korea) beat C. Rougagnou (France) 21-10, 21-16, 21-15.

Women's Singles—Sixth Round

Koczian (Hungary) beat Namba (Japan) 21-23, 22-20, 21-19, 12-21, 21-15.—France-Presse.

MEN'S SINGLES

Sixth Round: I. Ogimura (Japan) beat Granier (France) 21-13, 21-16, 21-19.

F. Sido (Hungary) beat R. Miles (USA) 21-14, 21-18, 21-9.

B. Kennedy (Britain) beat G. Rondani (Italy) 11-21, 21-17, 21-19, 21-13.

J. Supel (Poland) beat P. O. Croneryd (Sweden) 21-19, 21-18, 7-21, 19-21, 23-22 (time limit).

A. Ehrlich (France) beat P. Belanger (Canada) 21-9, 21-13, 21-17.

J. Vogrinc (Yugoslav) beat A. Raltell (Sweden) 21-11, 21-16, 21-19.

H. Gomolla (Germany) beat M. Laine (Finland) 21-10, 21-14, 21-16.

Chiang Yung-hing (China) beat P. Pesch (Rumania) 21-11, 21-15, 21-18.

L. Pleuse (Germany) beat C. Jaminet (Luxembourg) 22-20, 19-21, 21-18, 21-15.

D. Carlland (USA) beat I. Severo (Brazil) 17-21, 11-21, 21-13, 21-16, 21-19.

Van Lieu-tran (Vietnam) beat Moubarak (Lebanon) 21-12, 21-12, 21-18.

E. Tokar (Czech) beat Castillo (Spain) 21-14, 21-11, 21-13.

Vyhnanovsky (Czech) beat T. Borg (Sweden), 17-21, 14-21, 21-16, 25-23, 21-18.

P. Gimbel (Switzerland) beat K. Jernes, (Norway) 21-16, 21-13, 16-21, 21-15.

E. Lyttik (Denmark) beat J. Wehninghoff (Germany) 21-15, 21-19, 21-17.

P. Holusek (Germany) beat P. Anderson (Australia) 21-14, 18-21, 23-21, 21-19.

Fu Chi-fang (China) beat Gantner (Rumania) 21-15, 18-21, 21-11, 21-16.

H. Hirschkowitz (USA) beat Monasterial (USA) 21-18, 21-19, 20-22, 21-12.

J. Scheffer (Holland) beat W. Spiegelberg (Switzerland) 21-10, 21-19, 21-2.

Wang Si-den (China) beat Cobirzan (Rumania), walkover.

G. Chergui (France) beat P. Bertrand (Belgium) 21-15, 21-15, 21-19.

J. Leach (England) beat Huynh Van-ngoc (Vietnam), 21-14, 21-12, 21-12.

L. Foeldy (Hungary) beat G. De Martini (Italy) 21-19, 16-21, 21-9, 21-9.

M. Thornhill (England) beat D. Midosi Da Motta (Brazil) 18-21, 21-14, 21-17, 21-16.

Seventh Round: E. Lyttik (Denmark) beat Hirschkowitz (USA) 21-19, 21-14, 23-21.

H. Urchetti (Switzerland) beat J. Supel (Poland), 21-14, 17-21, 21-16, 20-22, 21-18.

Ogimura (Japan) beat H. Gomolla (Germany) 21-9, 21-17, 21-9.

Tsunoda (Japan) beat Fu Chi-fang (China) 19-21, 21-17, 21-7, 18-21, 21-13.

B. Kennedy (England) beat F. Sido (Hungary) 21-17, 16-21, 21-12, 20-22, 21-11.

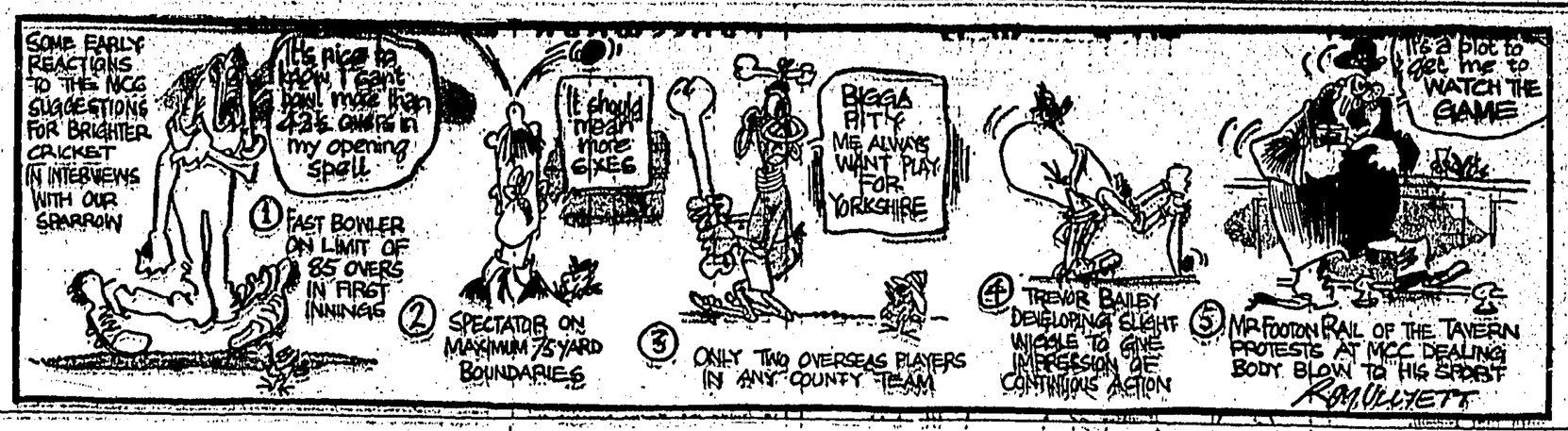
Chian Yung-ning (China) beat Vyhnanovsky (Czechoslovakia) 21-15, 21-16, 19-21, 21-18.

P. Gimbel (Holland) beat L. Pleuse (Germany) 22-20, 11-21, 16-21, 21-19, 21-11.

A. Bellier (France) beat Tokar (Czech) 13-21, 21-16, 21-27, 21-11.

E. Holusek (Germany) beat Tran Van-tieu (Vietnam) 21-15, 21-20, 15-21, 21-18.

J. Vogrinc (Yugoslavia) beat D. Carlland (USA) 21-18, 22-20, 21-22, 23-21. — France-Presse.



DAI DOWER IN TRAINING

Dai Dower, the British Flyweight Champion, long denied a chance for the world title, may now be within reach of this according to reports from Buenos Aires, where it is said that the holder, Pascual Perez, will put his title at stake later this month. Dower, now a National Serviceman, and in the Welsh Regiment, has been continually in training since his call-up. This picture of Dower was taken at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff.—Central Press Photo.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Doubles Finalists On Even Terms After Two-Hour Struggle

By "TOUCHWOOD"

After two hours of play for the Colony Grasscourt Doubles Championship title, which went to 47 games, the fight is still on. Ip Koon-hung and Norman Lo met Edwin Tsai and Tsui Wai-pui yesterday in what turned out to be the longest undecided match of the tournament at Chater Road.

The scoreboard when failing light halted play showed one set each and a third set score of 5-5 as the players and umpire decided to call it a day. First set went to Ip and Lo at 13-11 but they lost the next, after leading 4-1, at 7-5.

The Doubles title should have been won by Ip and Lo if it were not for a highly strung Lo who simply could not master two obstacles — stage fright and the determined partnership of Edwin Tsai and Tsui Wai-pui.

Norman Lo wasn't himself at all and though he received words of encouragement from the Colony Champion these didn't help Lo very much. He muffed easy shots at the net and when half court returns came to him, Lo smashed these out of court.

The Colony Champion was a shade off his Singles Final form. His marathon match against Edwin Tsai the previous day must have been the reason. Taken on the whole Ip gave Norman Lo very creditable support and had Tsui Wai-pui been a weak link in the match things might have ended differently.

Tsui was at his best and his tireless work made it difficult for Ip to control the game. Tsui sent over numerous seemingly impossible returns which were point winners.

The first set took nearly an hour and the scores of 5-5, 7-5, 9-9, 11-11 were reflective of the closeness of the struggle. Edwin Tsai lifted out an outcourt return at deuce in the 24th game to give Ip and Lo set at 13-11.

The second set saw Ip and Lo taking a 4-1 lead, but they lost it when Tsui and Tsai concentrated their returns at Norman Lo to win at 7-5. With the games tied at 5-5 in the third set failing light halted play and this game will be continued on Thursday.

For A Change You Can Have Your Say And The No Foul Rule Operates

By HARRY CARPENTER

Anyone who doubts that Joe Erskine's 2 min. 3 sec. flop against Nino Valdes really angered British sports fans can go take a dive into my postbag! Never have I known such an avalanche of caustic correspondence.

Not one per cent of it has a good word to say on the present parlous state of British boxing. Or, for that matter, on my judgment in tipping Erskine.....So today this column is thrown open. You can have *your* say for a change. And the no-foul rule operates.

Mike, Keith, Brian, George, and Jack, of RAF, Chivenor, North Devon, come out fighting:

"Why not the weather forecasting? Did you really think Erskine stood a chance, or were you just being patriotic?"

Laughable as it seems, I honestly thought Joe could win. But Jack Beaumont, Sussex-gardens, London, W.2, a racing man, says if Erskine and Valdes had been horses Nino would have started 100—8 on.

OUTDATED LEFT

"All our boys are taught the good old straight left and right cross. Very pretty too. But over the past 20-odd years the Americans have shown us that it's the mauling roll-and-sway hooker that does the damage.

"If Robin Goodfellow and Dalrymple based their selections on the same flimsy grounds as Carpenter, they'd be out of a job in quicker time than it takes a good two-year-old to run a straight five furlongs."

I like a man who sticks his neck out, such as J. White, Kingston-on-Thames:

"Valdes is the only man in the world today who will k.o. Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight title this year (a cert)."

NEEDS FIGHTS

David M. Santaub, Stanmore, Middlesex, reckons Erskine needs fights—and plenty of 'em:

"Let him challenge Dick Richardson and Joe Bygraves, both fighters with a punch who will test whether Erskine can still take a hard punch. He needs a fight a month."

This question of training is topic No. 1. Richard R. Worrall, Greenhill, Sheffield 8, says:

"Erskine sat around, getting so much out of condition he weighed nearly 17st., then tore down almost 3st. to make what he considers his best fighting weight.

"The more you train down, the more nature slaps back. Cockell was an example. Erskine is a similar physical type, stocky and tubby. You must keep in shape, whether fighting or not."

Fairground fighting is the answer, thinks a countryman of Erskine's, A. J. Waite, Manor-road, Pontypool:

"Delve into the boxing lives of Carpentier, Kid Lewis, Driscoll, Welsh, Farr, Mills, Wilde .... all these good champions were tutored in the old boxing booths. They learned the hard way."

Valdes was just foxing when he came over to fight Cockell and Richardson, says Michael T. Kelly, Ann-street, Ipswich:

"He simply played with his previous English opponents as there was nothing at stake. Has he not proved this, now that a crack at the world title may arise?"

NO PUNCH

Or was he contemptuous of Erskine, knowing the British champion had no punch, as G. F. Barker, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, claims?

"Valdes . . . just sailed in, knowing full well he couldn't be hurt."

Frank Eardley, Bridge-lane, Bramhall, Cheshire, thinks we're namby-pamby:

"The American goes into the ring to kill; our fellows go in to prance about and pose prettily!

"What had Dempsey, Louis, and Marciano in common? The will to win . . . let's stop being brittle for fear of being brutal."

EASY MEAT

Finally, H. V. Newton, Chaucer-street, Hull, part of the one per cent. who gave Erskine a chance:

"Physically, Valdes should have been comparatively easy meat for a strong, faster man, more compact, with a lower centre of gravity.

"Did Erskine's advisers realise that an upward directed punch is more destructive than any other?

"When Valdes and Moore were training here, British managers and trainers should have lined up to watch, to study their anatomy, their responses to whatever problems were presented."

Mr Newton, I quite agree with you. Erskine should have won. But who are we among so many?

That august body of golfing statesmen, the Royal and Ancient, came out the other day with a plan to open up the Amateur Championship, which last year was rigidly restricted to 200 hot-shot golfers at £4 a head.

From 1958, announce the R. & A., amateur golfing's premier classic will be run off with regional qualifying rounds, the handicap limit will be raised, and the entry fee reduced.

Sorry, sir—you of the week-end 18-holes-plus-a-double-gin and-tonic class. "Rabbits" are still excluded.

But by raising the handicap limit from two, probably to four, in line with the U.S. amateur championship, about 2,000 instead of 200 golfers will be wedged into the competition.

The regional elimination idea is also borrowed from the Americans.

It means that the club ace, who could never afford the time or money to travel, say, 500 miles to Scotland to get knocked out, can now enter in his own district. Can't you hear him on his perennial bar-room topic: The Day I Played in the Amateur?

The elite, like last year's champion, John Beharrell, and the dollar-rich American tourist golfers, will not be asked to come through the early hurly-burly.

TALENT FINDING

The qualifying rounds consist of 36 holes of stroke play, from which about 200 will pass on to the match-play competition proper.

The value to Britain of this countrywide combing-out will be the spotlighting of fresh talent.

How badly we needed some new stars to help lift the Walker Cup out of American hands, where it has rested since 1938.

In clubs all over Britain today, golfers will say: "It's a great idea. But whoever thought the old R. and A. would let their hair down like this?"

It should dispel the popular illusion that the rulers of golf are youty greybeards. The men who planned this are mostly alert businessmen in their forties, led by City financier N. C. Selway. They form the R. and A.'s 12-man championship committee.

The new plan will boost revenue from an already financially sound competition. Last year's "Amateur" made almost £1,000 clear profit—so this is no panic move, like the MCC's, to check falling gates.

What a week this has been. First the MCC—which apparently now stands for Make Cricket Colourful—turning the Long Room at Lord's into a plothouse of revolution.

Now the R. and A.—Resolute and Ambitious—having a Highland Fling on the sacred links of St Andrews, where, incidentally, the first of these "democratic" Amateurs will be played.

These things happen in threes. My week will not now be complete until the LTA (Love That Amateur) decide to throw Wimbledon open to Sedgman, Gonzales, and the rest of those boys who have the decency to take their playing money with both hands, instead of only one.

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting
ASF and OC Council Meeting, Board Room, SCM Post.

TOMORROW

Soccer
Soccer Referees Exam, HKFA Office, Sports Road, 6 p.m.

Golf
Services Section: Bi-annual match, Army v RHKGC Ladies' team, New Course, Fanling.

Outsider Wins Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup

Cheltenham, Mar. 12.

Merry Deal, a 28-1 outsider, won the £4,440 Champion Hurdle Challenge Cup run over two miles here today.

Superbly ridden by 21-year-old Greville Underwood, Merry Deal challenged the pace-setting Irish horse, Quita Que, after jumping the last hurdle and drew away up the hill to win by five lengths.

Quita Que (15-2) was second, five lengths ahead of the French challenger, Tout Ou Rien (100-8). Sixteen ran.

Clair Soleil, hot favourite at 7-4 to repeat his 1955 triumph in this championship test for hurdlers, stopped almost to a walk as he passed the post in seventh position.

The winner, sired by the 1943 wartime Derby winner, Straight Deal, is owned by Mr Arthur Jones, an Oswestry farmer.—China Mail Special.

BRENTFORD WINS

London, Mar. 12.

Brentford today beat Southend 3-2 in their Third Division South match, which was postponed from February 23.

It was the only English Football League match played today.—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

(1) Footballing prowess

(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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of the ..... Club.

(Signed) .....

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

It is a matter of regret that this week I must spotlight the 1/Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment on their departure from the Colony. The Regiment has at all times maintained the highest sporting traditions and their many friends, both civilians and Services, are, I am sure, sorry to see them go, and on their behalf, to the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel E. M. Goodale, DSO, the Officers, Warrant Officers, NCO's, and Men of the Battalion, I would wish you Bon Voyage and the very best of luck for the future. Your sportsmen will be missed from the playing fields of the Colony, but we shall follow with interest your future activities at home.

I doubt if any boxing fans need reminding of the FARELF Inter-Unit team boxing match which will take place at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Kowloon, tomorrow evening between the Hongkong winners, 7 (QO) Hussars, and the Singapore champions, 30 Bn. RAOC.

The Hussars report a full fighting fit side and those who have watched their progress to the final will agree that the Cavalrymen will give a good account of themselves. Their team is unchanged except for the elevation of Cpl. Paddy Hanlon from second string to first string light welter, and the consequent changeover of L/Cpl. Norman Riley.

The opposition, 30 Bn. RAOC, have come with a formidable reputation and if their team is on a par with some of the UK Ordnance teams, the Hussars will have to pull something out of the bag.

A very knowledgable manager, Captain George Eastlake, APTC has brought the team up from Singapore and as he is a top grade referee he may well be asked to share the referees' duties with a representative from Hongkong.

As forecast all the ringside seats have been sold but there are a few left at $2 and $1 and these command a very good view of the proceedings, but as this seating is best quality cement I would suggest a cushion as being a very necessary companion.

Last week in the Schoolboy Championships many chips off the old block were on display.

Chief among the chips was the son of Capt. Jim Gillette the popular matchmaker of the HKABA. I'm afraid you'll have to get your coat off again, Jim. He lost to a clever little boxer in Sidi Brasard, and will need a bit more coaching.

The best bout of the evening was the last which featured Brian Hughes-Jones of KGV who took the verdict over D Jorge of St. Joseph's and sent a large crowd home well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

INTER-UNIT ATHLETICS

The past week saw the final stages of the athletic season so far as Unit team competition is concerned and some very keen racing resulted.

In the Minor Unit competition the favourites, 6 COD, again had the bad luck to oppose a 173 Locating Battery team who were at the peak of their form and the Gunners deservedly repeated the victory they gained in the Garrison meeting, and came out 11½ points ahead of the Ordnance.

From the first event records tumbled. The Command Workshops pair in the pole vault raised the level by 12" to a total of 18' 6", only four inches less than the Major Units record.

6 COD also got away early to raise the hammer total to 199' 1" thanks to a magnificent throw by Sgt. Harry Heorne which put on exactly 13' over the old distance, and their shot putt pair totaled 65' 2", bettering by 10" the old record.

Not to be outdone the 173 Locating Battery pair with the Javelin, Gnrs. "Brummy" Poole and Vic Harris, totalled 271' 1", increasing the record distance by 15' 11", and in the mile team race some wonderful team racing by their star, Gnr. Robin Weate, ably supported by Gnrs. Barry James, Bill Telford, and Mick Edwards reduced the points total from 21 to the astoundingly low total of 15, and Robin returned a time of 4 minutes 46 seconds, quite a fair one for the conditions and lack of class opposition.

For good measure their long jump experts, Sgt. John Mitchell and Gnr. Alan Hardhill totaled 37' 5", raising the record by 7".

They did the "hat trick" in the three miles event, winning it for the third time in as many years. To make a race of it the officials made Robin do a "Baker's dozen." Fortunately a timekeeper had been nothing lap times and his 16 minutes 3 seconds for the more normal distance was accepted. His team companions, who were not called upon to do more than 12 laps, were Gnrs. Barry James, John Stevens, and Jock Burns.

Sgt. John Mitchell, Bdr. Bill Gawn, and Gnrs. Brummy Poole and David Rattray took the 4X220 in just a second outside the record, and were nobly backed up in the 4X880 by a victorious combination of Gnrs. David Homersham, Graham King, Mick Edwards and David Duncan, and in the 4X440 Gnrs. Vic Harris and Alan Hardhill joined the first two 880 men to again approach within a second of a record.

Well done, 173 Locating Battery. Mention should be made, however, of the grand effort made by the HK Chinese Training Unit. They won the 120 yds. high hurdles race and missed bettering the record by 1/5 second, and were well represented in all events.

Little space has been left for an even closer and more exciting struggle in the Major Units team competition. The large crowd rather hoped that the Northamptons would take the honours as a farewell effort, but 19 Field Rgt. RA had other ideas and by grand team spirit rose to the occasion and pipped the Infantrymen by one point to take the Land Forces and 48 Brivade trophies.

Only one record went overboard, the 120 yds. high hurdles. This was captured by 19 Field Rgt whose team of Lieut Peter Hamill, Capt. Ian Vergin, Gnr Jack Paynter and Capt. Douglas Robinson clipped 4/5 second off the old record.

The Gunners took first place in the high jump, 220 yds, and three miles in addition to the hurdles, and by placing well in all the other events managed to 'get away' with the championship.

At both these meetings a Tug-O-War competition was also run, and 11 Inf. Workshops were victors in the Minor group, whilst 74 LAA Rgt. RA took pride of place in the senior section.

The Land Forces individual meeting will be held at Boundary Street next Friday and Saturday, and it has been possible to match these two winners in a challenge tug which should be quite as exciting as the similar tourney last year.

The REME boys are in the capable hands of WO Charles Said REME, who has had considerable experience as a 'puller' and more recently as a coach. To say that he is a 'character' is putting it mildly. I won't give his style away. Just take my word for it that he alone is worth seeing, and his team are the best trained eight I have seen here, so get along to Boundary Street on Saturday afternoon, early if possible, to see what should be very good athletics meeting, but later is a must, to see the tug-o-war.

With the promise of hot weather ahead the Army tennis authorities are preparing for battle. They have sent out to all units asking for the names of potential players for the strenuous league programme ahead.

Anyone interested who would like a trial are asked to get in touch with their unit representative or with the Chairman, Major C.H.P. Hacon, Camp Commandant, HQLF, or Capt. Moss, RAPC, the Hon. Secretary.

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Well done 15 Medium Rgt. RA. You have bolstered up my shaky reputation as a forecaster by reaching the finals of the "Blarney Stone" rugger seven-a-side competition. As some slight consolation, many felt that you were a shade unlucky to lose to the very sound Club "A" side. It was certainly a grand game and a fitting conclusion to a good season of rugby football.

SCOTS, IRISH WANTED

Will all fanatical Scots and irrepressible Irishmen who fancy they would uphold the honour of the 'old country' on the soccer field please report to the Club ground on Friday next at 1600 hrs when a trial will be held. I am assured that all who turn up will get a trial, so here's your chance to display your prowess under the magic lights.

I presume the opposition, England and Wales, will also want players, so will those interested kindly contact Capt. Veitch at HQ Movement Control.

The last stage of the Caldbeck Cup sees the 27 HAA Rgt. RA tackle the 1 Northamptons in their farewell match today at Boundary Street. What will happen if the Infantrymen win I shudder to think... My suggestion that the final should be played in the UK or on some neutral ground mid-way between the two finalists has met with favour from the competing teams and officials but it is doubtful if that mysterious body, 'higher authority,' will appreciate the situation.

The CP0/24 Field Eng. Rgt. RE match has been postponed until Friday and will be played at the Army ground, Sookunpoo, commencing at 1530 hrs.

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There is a promise that tomorrow will be a hectic day. Not only have we the finals of the team boxing, but 16 good men and true take on, and we hope will defeat, a like number of the fair sex in the half yearly golf match to be held at Fanling. General Stratton and Brigadier Graham with their respective P.A.'s will stiffen the male resolve and it is hoped that the result of the last match, where the ladies emerged victorious, will not be repeated.

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FLASH: 6 COD have challenged HKAAC to a team contest which will be held on the Boundary Street track on Sunday, 17th March, commencing at 1400 hrs. All events will be contested and a pleasant afternoon's sport should result.

Not To Be Submitted For Ratification

New York, Mar. 12.

Spanish athlete Miguel De Quadra used a modified version of the Spanish-style "turning" throw when he hurled a javelin 89.178 metres (292 feet 6⅜ inches) at San Juan last Sunday and the performance will consequently not be submitted for ratification as a new world record, reports reaching here from San Juan (Puerto Rico) said today.

First reports had claimed that De Quadra used the classical-style throw.

The official world record is held by Poland's Janusz Sidlo, with 83.66 metres, but Norway's Egil Danielsen threw 85.71 metres when he won the Olympic javelin event in Melbourne last year. Danielsen's record awaits official confirmation.

The Spanish "turning" discus-type throw was banned by the International athletics authorities before the Games, after a number of Spanish and other experts had used it to surpass the existing world record on several occasions. — France-Presse.

Indonesian Boxer To Fight In Singapore

Singapore, Mar. 13.

Fighting Lee, light and welterweight boxing champion of Indonesia, has been matched here against Tony Asan, Welterweight Champion of Thursday Island, it was reported today.

The two would fight in Singapore on April 26.

Mr R. Manoch, manager and trainer of Lee, was reported to have said in Singapore he intended sending Lee to Manila after the Singapore fight.

Mr Manoch, a senior police officer in Djakarta, is an official of the Djakarta boxing board of control.—Reuter.

Scores Level In World Chess Championship

Paris, Mar. 12.

Challenger Vassilly Smyslov resigned the fourth game of his World Championship chess match in Moscow today against the holder, Mikhail Botvinnik at the 41st move, Tass news agency reported.

After the fourth game, both players were level, with one victory and two draws. — France-Presse.

WORLD OF SPORT

FOOTBALLERS ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES BY SIR STANLEY ROUS

By DEREK JOHN

What is a non-amateur? A professional? Not according to the new FIFA formula which aims to clarify the definition.

The framework, created by England's FA secretary Sir Stanley Rous, divides footballers into three categories—amateurs, non-amateurs and professionals.

I understand that players who might come into the new non-amateur grade are soldiers, civil servants, municipal employees such as firemen who "by the nature of their employment are able to give all, or nearly all their time to football but receive no direct payment from their associations or clubs."

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Roy Sandstrom, who has so often run for England on the track, may soon run for his country on the rugby field.

Roy, who decided to "give rugby another go" when he returned from the Melbourne Olympics, sprinted home for six tries in a seven-a-side match for Wasps the other week. He was then picked for the RAF. At 25 he has all the potential of a rugby great.

Yet this is the first time that fighter pilot Sandstrom has taken rugby seriously. "Never played as a boy went to a soccer school. I became interested at University, then gave it a miss until the 1954-55 season when I played a bit for Fighter Command. But athletics took a firm grip, so I forgot rugby and concentrated on winning my Olympic place."

Sandstrom, a genuine 9.8secs. track man, who makes opposing cover defenders look as though they are walking backwards, is going places. Ideally built at 5ft. 9ins, 12st. 2lb, he could become an English Ken Jones.

ACROSS CANADA

Doug Hare, 26-year-old Hull athlete, is planning to run across Canada—all 3,386 miles of it.

Doug, who now lives in Alberta, would like to start this marathon to end all marathons on the Atlantic coast and run west to the Pacific. Then he would foot it through the Rockies after really toughening up on the plains.

He reckons he can do the journey in four months.

All he needs is a backer with at least 3,000 dollars.

A shoe manufacturer perhaps?

Footnote: Hare's longest run so far—a mere jog trot of 130 miles.

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Frank Tyson is to retire from cricket in four years time.

Confirming his engagement to pretty 21-year-old Melbourne model Ursula Miels, Tyson said: "No date fixed for the wedding. But when I do marry we'll settle down temporarily in Northampton. I intend to play cricket for four more years, and Ursula agrees. After that I don't know where we'll settle. It could be Australia."

POPULAR SPORT

Most popular sport in America: horse racing. Nearly 52 million people went to the race tracks last year, an increase of one million over the previous year and eighteen million more than the second favourite—baseball.

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While the Midlands Area Council of the British Boxing Board of Control deliberate over the alleged shortcomings of referee Stan Hiles, brought to their notice by way of protest from Al Phillips, manager of Arthur Howard, beaten on points by Johnny Sullivan last week, at least one man is happy.

Howard, after a lay-off from the affairs of pugilism—the Sullivan fight was his first in eight months—has been assured by promoter Alex Griffiths that his challenge for Randolph Turpin's British cruiserweight title at Leicester on April 16 still stands.

Howard was due to meet Turpin in Leicester the other week for that express purpose, until the medical profession stepped in and outlawed Turpin's hands from the ring.

Sullivan, who also has title hopes, might have been given the more immediate chance, after coming in as a substitute and promptly outpointing the challenger. But at the same time a promise is a promise, and a business deal is a business deal, and is would be unfair to demote Howard after one mediocre showing.

Of course, there is always the chance that Turpin's injured hand will not have mended sufficiently for him to swap punches on April 16.

Sullivan, whose recent fistic experiences in the United States were not as pleasant as was at first hoped, says only this: "I've roamed the world, looking for fights. Now they can come to me. But I'll be ready. All I ask is to get near one of those titles."

VAULTING VICAR

The vaulting vicar, 31-year-old Robert Eugene Richards, is to visit Russia. Winner of the Olympic Games pole vault both in Helsinki and Melbourne, Pastor Bob, a minister in La Verne, California, has been invited by the Russians to be a guest star representing the USA in the gigantic new Moscow Stadium that month.

He has been vaulting for 16 years. Recently in Madison Square Garden, New York, he reached his greatest ever height —15ft. 6in.

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A combination of sport and love has brought a clear enunciation of United States State Department policy. It came this week from the highest authority, Mr Dulles himself: "We believe in romance."

Seldom is the Secretary of State so unequivocal. But he did not hesitate when asked if the United States was using its influence to encourage Olympic hammer throwing champion Harold Connolly in his wooing of Olga Fikotova, Czechoslovakia's only Gold Medal winner at the Olympics—for throwing the discus.

MOTOR CYCLING

Back from South Africa, motor cycling ace Geoff Duke is already preparing to win back his world title. He is training on the latest Gilera machine.

This four-cylinder model is faster than ever with a top speed of 173 m.p.h. It also has a tremendously powerful acceleration.

It has been developed during the winter to meet the challenge of the eight-cylinder Moto Guzzi and improved MV Augusta machines.

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New arrival in American barracks at Aschaffenburg, South Germany: Captain James M. Hampton, a professional wrestler, famous for his strong-man feats.

One was the lifting of a chair above his head with his teeth. If you think that is easy try it, as Hampton did around the State Fairs, with the fat man sitting in the chair.

On his first night in the officers' mess, Captain Hampton was invited to demonstrate. "That trick's right out," he said. "You see, these days my teeth come right out too."

—(London Express Service).

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COLONY JUNIOR BADMINTON

The following are results of the preliminary round matches of the Junior Badminton championships played at Indian Recreation Club last night:

Ladies' Singles

Miss Winnie Chan lost to Miss Connie Young 0-12, 8-11.

Mrs Z.A. Abbas beat Miss Wong Yin-yin 8-11, 11-2, 11-6.

Men's Singles

R. Yung lost to Yeung Hung-chow 3-15, 0-10.

Men's Doubles

B.K.L. Lui and Dr Lau Po-hei beat B.N. Hedge and S.Y. Wong 15-10, 10-6.

Mixed Doubles

H.W. Li and Miss Connie Young lost to Cyril Chan and Mrs S.W. Chan 8-15, 15-2, 10-11.

TO-DAY
At C.C.C.

7.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles: Miss Connie Young & Miss Tsui Yuen-chun v Miss W. Chan & Miss L. Wu.

8.0 p.m. Men's Doubles: R. Yung & Chu Sai-wah v Li Hin-wing & Dr S.K. Ng.

8.30 p.m. Men's Doubles: H.J. Xavier & B.A. Brown v B.K.L. Lui & Dr Lau Po-hei.

9 p.m. Ladies' Singles: Mrs Jenny Yung v Mrs Z.A. Abbas.

9.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles: Ho Bing-nam & Miss Tsui Yuen-chun v Chu Sai-wah & Miss S.K. Ho.

TO-MORROW
At I.R.C.

7.30 p.m. Ladies' Singles: Semi Finals: Miss Tsui Yuen-chun v Miss Connie Yung.

8 p.m. Men's Singles: Semi Finals: Cyril Chan v Yeung Hung-chow.

8.30 p.m. Men's Singles: Semi-Finals: Bernard Brown v Lee Wing-foon.

9 p.m. Mixed Doubles: Semi Finals: Mr & Mrs Abbas v Cyril Chan & Mrs Chan.

9.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles: Semi Finals: R. Yung and Miss P. Dunbher v Chu Sai-wah & Miss S.K. Ho or Ho Bing-nam & Miss Tsui.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
At C.C.C.

Semi Finals: Junior Men's Doubles: Z.A. Abbas and Yeung Hung-chow v Lee Hin-wing and Dr S.K. Ng or R. Yung and Chu Sai-wah.

Finals: Junior Ladies' Singles.

Finals: Junior Men's Singles.

Finals: Junior Ladies' Doubles.

TENNIS

Italians Beaten By P.I. Players At Manila

Manila, Mar. 13.

The Philippines beat Italy by 2-0 in their invitational tennis tie last night as Felicisimo Ampon defeated Italy's Nicola Pietrangeli 6-1, 6-8, 6-3 while Raymundo Deyro routed Gian Maggi 6-2, 6-0, 6-2.

Pietrangeli, Italy's No. 2 player, partly blamed Manila's excessive heat for his defeat but said, nonetheless, that Ampon was a great player.

Only three times did Maggi, Italy's No. 5 player, break Deyro's service throughout their game.

Maggi and Pietrangeli meet Ampon and Johnny Jose this afternoon in the doubles to complete the series.—France-Presse.

ICE HOCKEY

Oslo, Mar. 12.

The United States beat Norway 8-5 in an international ice hockey match in the Jordal Amfi Stadium here tonight.

Period scores: 4-1, 1-3, 3-1.—Reuter.

Peter May Heads Batting Averages In Tour Of South Africa

Capetown, Mar. 12.

Peter May, despite his dismal record in the five Test matches, topped the batting averages for the MCC tour of South Africa which ended today.

He scored 1,270 runs, with a highest score of 206, for an average of 55.21.

In ten Test innings May totalled only 153 runs.

Douglas Insole, the vice-captain, was second with 996 runs at an average of 47.42, and Colin Cowdrey was third with 1,035 at 39.80.

Johnny Wardle, Yorkshire's left-arm spinner, was the most successful bowler with 90 wickets at 12.25 runs each.

Surrey spinner Tony Lock was second with 56 at 14.87, and the best of the speed men was Trevor Bailey, who was third with 29 wickets at 15.89.

BATTING

	I.	N.O.	H.S.	R.	Aver.
P. H. B. May	24	1	206	1,270	55.21
D. Insole	25	4	192	996	47.42
M. C. Cowdrey	27	1	173	1,035	39.80
D. C. S. Compton	22	1	131	792	37.71
T. E. Bailey	25	2	102	703	30.56
P. E. Richardson	20	0	117	789	30.34
A. S. Oakman	19	0	150	534	28.10
F. Tyson	17	5	55	not out 284	24.50
G. Evans	19	1	80	354	19.66
B. Taylor	13	4	39	229	16.35
J. Wardle	18	3	37	207	13.80
J. T. Laker	16	0	17	79	7.90
B. Statham	12	0	12	not out 42	7.00
P. J. Loader	16	2	13	81	5.78

Also batted: J. M. Marks 1-0-4-4; F. R. Brown 1-0-0-0.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
J. Wardle	380.3	95	1103	90	12.25
A. Lock	352.7	120	833	56	14.87
T. Bailey	254.5	76	401	29	15.89
P. Loader	317	76	751	46	16.32
B. Statham	232.7	39	607	36	16.86
F. Tyson	254.5	65	636	37	17.18
J. Laker	338.7	121	875	50	17.50
D. Compton	16.2	1	73	3	24.33
A. Oakman	16	4	48	0	

Also bowled: F. R. Brown 9-2-26-0; T. G. Evans 1-0-8-0.

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3 Correct language
4 Contains this puzzle
5 Exciting story
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7 Denotes one year
8 Newspaperman
9 Armada, for instance
10 Tablet
11 Leads for policemen?
12 Puzzle

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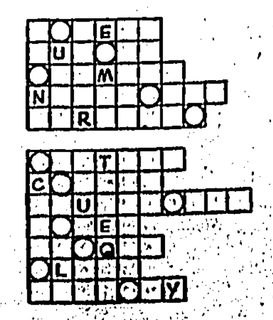

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Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 6th April, 1957 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1956, to declare Dividends, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 25th March, 1957 to Saturday, the 6th April, 1957, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU CHAN KWOK,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1957.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 1957, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, for the transaction of the business of an Ordinary General Meeting including the following:—

(1) To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors, and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1956, and the Balance Sheet as at that date.

(2) To approve the Dividend.

(3) To elect Directors.

(4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members will be closed from Friday, the 1st of March, to Thursday, the 14th of March, 1957, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1957.

British Honduras Prepares For Polls

THREE PARTIES CONTEST SEATS

Belize, British Honduras, Mar. 12.

More than 22,700 persons in the Central American colony of British Honduras will have a chance to go to the polls on March 20 to elect nine members to the Legislative Assembly.

This will be the second Legislature to be elected under universal adult suffrage.

The voters in six of the electoral divisions are widely scattered throughout the country. Some of them, like the Kekchi Indians in the south, will have to travel by canoe to reach a polling station; others must travel through jungle to villages where they can cast their votes.

65 PER CENT

In the 1954 elections, however, voters turned out in force and when the ballots were counted, it was found that over 65 per cent of the electorate had recorded their votes.

In that election, there were only two parties. This year, there are three.

The National Party, headed by Mr Herbert Fuller, was the first to announce that it would contest at least six of the seats. Its programme is the same as last time: self-government within the Commonwealth, more work for British Honduras, and a more buoyant economy through development. It is not clear what means they intend to use to achieve that kind of economy.

The Honduran Independence Party, under the leadership of Mr Leigh Richardson followed the Nationalists with an announcement they intend to contest eight seats and will support the independent candidate in the southern district of Stann Creek. Of the eight candidates whom they are presenting, six are members of the present Legislature.

The Honduran Independence Party aims at full internal self-government within the British Commonwealth by 1966; a strong economy at home through systematic development of citrus, sugar cane, cocoa and other agricultural products; and good trading and other relations abroad, through active participation with the Commonwealth countries and hard currency areas, and through increased economic co-operation with the islands of the Federation of the British West Indies.

OVER-OPTIMISTIC

The aim of self-government by 1966 is considered by most observers here to be over-optimistic. With the present weak economic position of the country, there is little, if any, hope of its becoming self-supporting by that date.

Immediately after the general election, a full delegation is expected to go to Britain to try to persuade the Colonial Office to provide more money in long term projects.

The People's United Party were the last to name their candidates. They will be represented in all nine constituencies. Among the candidates, two are members of the present Government. The leader is the anti-British 'Golden Boy', Mr George Price, who incidentally is also the Mayor of Belize.

The main items on its manifesto are the continuance of their opposition to federation with the British West Indies for "geographic, commercial and economic reasons"; acceptance of "our natural place on the Central American mainland and of any benefit deriving from this geographic factor"; and, the biggest surprise of all, a welcome to this country for "suitable immigrants under a system of selection and control."

FIRST PRONOUNCEMENT

This is the first real pronouncement on this subject made by this party since Mr Price gained full control of it, following the party split last year.

From the recently published People's United Party manifesto, it is clear that this party is not in the least interested in federation. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe that members of it would prefer independence without the Commonwealth.

The most vulnerable spot in the party's framework is, perhaps, that Mr Price is supporting Mr Nicholas Pollard, in spite of the fact that he was found guilty by a court of law of having fraudulently converted hurricane relief funds to his own use while General Secretary of the General Workers' Union.

FORMED OWN UNION

On being suspended for his financial irregularities, Mr Pollard formed his own union, the Christian Democratic Union, and took almost all the General Workers' Union members.

The two main parties are engaging in a considerable amount of "mud-slinging" at one another during the election campaign, but both are leaving alone the weak National Party.
—China Mail Special.

Ghana Celebration Dinner In London

Prominent personalities attended a dinner given in the Savoy Hotel last week by Ghana officials to mark their country's acquiring independent status. Among those pictured may be seen Lady Dorothy Macmillan, wife of Britain's Prime Minister; Mrs Pandit, India's High Commissioner to London; Mr John Hay Whitney, new US Ambassador to London; Countess Mountbatten; the Marquess of Salisbury, Lord President of the Council; and Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.
—Express Photo.

Warm Weather Hits Britain

London, Mar. 12.

A phenomenal stream of warm air from the deserts of North Africa has brought two days of sunshine to the British isles, and temperatures rose to a record 65 degrees fahrenheit. The average temperature for mid-March is around 50 degrees.

Only Western Scotland and Northern Ireland were cloudy and early in the day and in parts of the east coast, sea breezes kept down temperatures.

In London, the temperature rose to 67 degrees, in Glasgow, Scotland, it was 65 and at Blackpool in the 67 degrees heat, families thronged the promenade and bathed in the sea.
—China Mail Special.

COTTON CHIEF RETIRING

London, Mar. 12.

Sir Raymond Streat, 60-year-old Chairman of the British Cotton Board, will retire at the end of this month, it was announced here tonight. Sir Raymond has held his post since 1940.—France-Presse.

Alleged Bomb On Plane

New York, Mar. 12.

Trans-World Airline planes were searched at American airports today after an anonymous caller telephoned a TWA office here to say "you have a bomb on your plane."

The plane, a transport, with only the crew of three aboard, landed safely and was searched by security police and Federal Bureau of Investigations agents.

All of the airlines' planes in the air were warned by radio that they were to be searched at their first stops.

The hoaxer telephoned the TWA reservation office in New York.—China Mail Special.

SURVIVORS RECALL RIGOURS OF MAFEKING SIEGE

By HAIG NICHOLSON

Capetown, Mar. 12.

While the centenary of the birth of Lord Baden-Powell was being celebrated in February, survivors of the Siege of Mafeking now living here were recalling grim days during the Boer War.

One survivor is Mrs A. G. Tier, of Retreat, who remembered particularly the rigours of rationing when, almost 57 years ago, a 10,000-strong force of Boers isolated the small Cape town of Mafeking, in the middle of bare stony velt and beleaguered it for 217 days.

"We used to be served with soup so unsavoury that our retriever dog would not touch it," said Mrs Tier. "We also had sour porridge, cakes made from bran bound together with straw and, as a special treat, horse-meat."

BIRTH OF IDEA

Mrs Tier was five-year-old Minnie Morilleau at the time of the siege, which made Baden-Powell a hero and gave him the idea for his worldwide Boy Scout movement.

With her were her 10-year-old sister, Mabel, and her nine-year-old brother, George. They emerged from the town half starved when the British relieving column arrived.

"My father was one of the railway pioneers," Mrs Tier said. "We had settled in Mafeking two years before the siege and my mother died before the outbreak of the Boer War. When the fighting started, and my father had to join up, we were left mostly on our own."

The three children left their home, which was within range of a big Boer gun on the horizon, and went to the laager where all the women and children were gathered.

"We had to sleep on the ground," Mrs Tier said, "and the ants ate my sister's long hair. We were too far away for my father to keep an eye on us, so he took us to the railway shed and we spent the rest of the siege in a pit under one of the engines."

Mrs Tier still has the little silver brooch given her at a Christmas party held during the siege.

"That was a special treat," she remarked, "and we were given jelly to eat."

Another survivor of the siege is 86-year-old Mrs H. M. Thomas, of Somerset West.

CIVIL ENGINEER

Mrs Thomas and her former husband, a civil engineer, fled from Klerksdorp to Mafeking when war broke out, and they got to know Baden-Powell very well during the siege.

One of her treasured possessions is a book written and illustrated by Baden-Powell entitled "Sketches in Mafeking and East Africa." Baden-Powell himself sent it to her 28 years later as "a reminder of our first acquaintance in other circumstances."

A drawing of Mrs Thomas appears in the book under the title "Americaine" though she is in fact English.

She has also kept examples of the £1, 10s and 2s notes issued during the siege, and the controversial stamps showing Baden-Powell's head. These stamps were later withdrawn because of criticism and replaced by ones engraved with a picture of a cadet on a bicycle delivering letters.

Among items in the rationed food supplies, she recalled, were army biscuits, horse meat and "blanc-mange made out of face-powder."

Another survivor of the siege is Mr E. F. Dutton, of Antrim House, Hill Road. Three Anchor Bay, who was a trader in Mafeking when the Boer War started.

PRINCE ALEXANDER

After service with the Bechuanaland Rifles, he transferred to the town guard of Mafeking. For his part in the siege, he was awarded a silver medal bearing the head of Queen Victoria (ribbon red, blue, and orange), specially struck for the defenders of "The Place of Stones" as Mafeking is called by Africans.

Mr Dutton recalls talking to a young officer in the relief force which arrived at Mafeking from the Cape in May 1900, and asking him if they had brought plenty of supplies with them.

The young officer was Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of the late Queen Mary who in 1917 became Earl of Athlone and was Governor-General of the Union of South Africa from 1923-1930.

Students Pull Down Union Jack

Johannesburg, Mar. 12.

Students pulled down the Union Jack from the old Provincial Council building in Pretoria today, and ran up the "Vierkleur" (flag of the former Transvaal Republic). The Union Jack was shortly replaced however.

Meanwhile, a group of demonstrators carrying "Vierkleur" flags made speeches in the city square.

Earlier the statues of President Kruger and Martin Pretorius, first President of the South African Republic and founder of Pretoria, were found defaced with blue and black paint.

Police are investigating the incidents.—France-Presse.

CHURCH NOT SUBSERVIENT TO NATO

Berlin, Mar. 12.

Bishop Otto Dibelius, Chairman of the All-German Evangelical Church Council, said in a broadcast tonight that East German allegations that the German Church was subservient to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation were "gross nonsense."

He was referring to an East German press campaign condemning the Evangelical Church after a synod meeting had agreed by a large majority last week to a Church-State treaty on the appointment of chaplains to the West German army.

Dr Dibelius said that the Church treaty with the West German Republic did not mean that it supported NATO.

It was not the fault of the Church that its request for a similar treaty with East Germany had been refused.—Reuter.

Ike Postpones Trip To Florida

Washington, Mar. 12.

President Eisenhower has put off his departure for Florida until Friday, the White House spokesman, James Hagerty, indicated today.

The spokesman said the President would preside next Thursday over a meeting of the National Security Council, but he would not say whether this meeting was connected with the worsening of the situation in the Middle East.

Hagerty said the President was still suffering slightly from the cold he contracted last January, although his cough was better.

Eisenhower is to take a holiday in Florida in an attempt to shake off his cold before his scheduled meeting with the British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan in Bermuda on March 20.—France-Presse.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN
By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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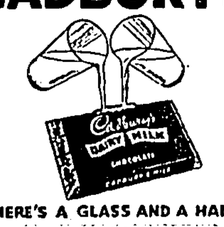

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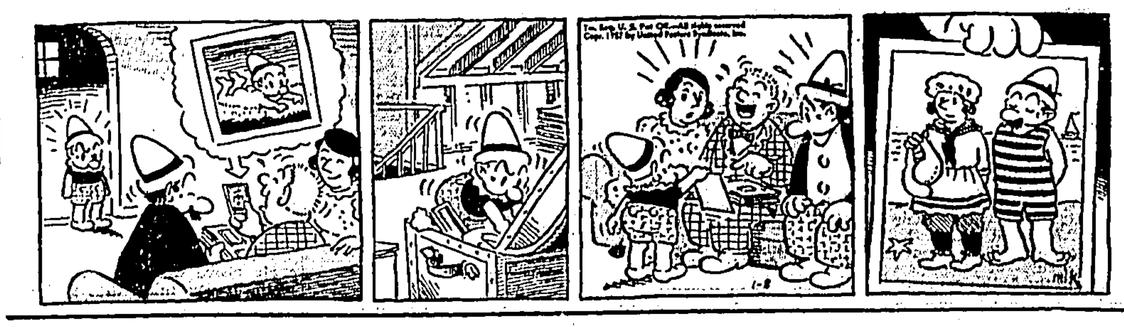

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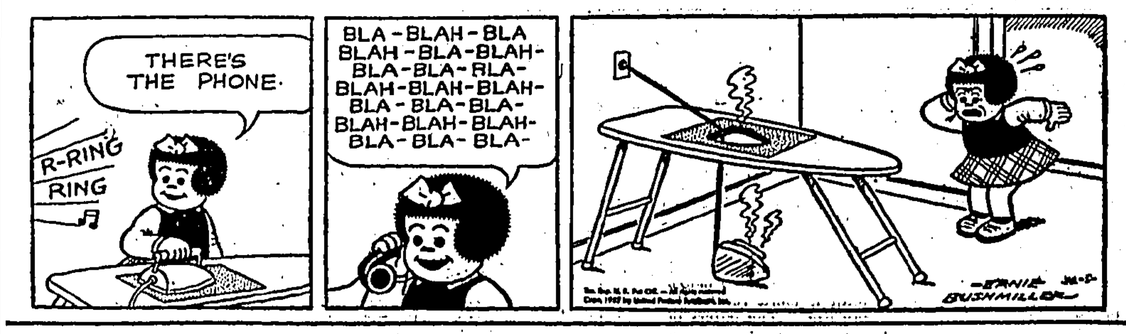

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JOHNNY HAZARD
By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT BOOM FLATTENING OUT

Businessmen Watch Situation Closely

Ottawa, Mar. 12.

Canadian businessmen are keenly scanning the Private and Public Investment programme for 1957, as forecast by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

A sharp set-back in housing construction, beginning in 1956 but gaining in intensity at the beginning of 1957, though due to high interest rates, has led them to wonder whether Canada's postwar development boom may be about to wane.

Largely because of less house building, present plans call for an increase of only 8 per cent in capital expenditure during 1957, compared with an overall increase of 17 per cent in 1956. Total expenditure, however, will amount to 8,500 million dollars (about £2,840 million), well above even last year's record-breaking total of 7,900 million dollars (about £2,700 million). These totals include the capital expenditures of all business, institutions, governments and private house-builders.

Residential construction is expected to be 18 per cent lower than in 1956. On the other hand, outlays for non-residential construction more than take up the slack, with an increase of 16 per cent. Expenditures on equipment are expected to be up 13 per cent.

The department estimates that, if present plans hold, capital spending will not only be the highest on record but will also probably absorb the largest proportion of the gross national product of any post-war year. In other words, the development boom may be flattening out but it is still very much under way.

Peak This Year

Most of the expenditure planned represents projects undertaken in 1956 and reaching their peak in 1957. Indicative of the flattening out is the fact that planned expenditure on new projects to be begun during 1957 is relatively small. The end of the recent bulge in the boom is therefore in sight, though great development may continue.

During 1956, scarcity of key materials and a tight labour supply proved the main bottle-necks in carrying out capital expansion programmes. In 1957, the Trade Department feels, present plans call for only moderate additional demands on materials and labour. Provided that there is no renewal of the steel strike in the United States, which handicapped last year's progress, there should be no shortage in most types of steel.

So far as labour is concerned, the labour force was fully employed during the peak of the 1956 building season.

Emphasis

This year, since the emphasis is on the engineering type of development, there will be comparatively little increased demand for on-site building workers. The numbers employed are likely to be about the same as last year. The labour situation is therefore likely to be a little easier than in 1956.

Summing up, trade and commerce officials expect that this year's record investment programme will be realised. But if costs continue to move upward, as they did last year, its dollar value may be considerably higher than the planned 8,500 million dollars.—China Mail Special.

RCA COLOUR TV FOR JAPAN

New York, Mar. 12.
Radio Corp. of America is giving Tokyo its first glimpse of colour television.

The company has shipped a million-dollar caravan of colour television equipment to the Japanese capital for demonstrations at the international trade fair there from May 5 to May 19.

A. F. Watters, Vice-President and Operation Manager of the RCA International Division said this will be the first showing of RCA compatible colour equipment which includes full colour TV studio facilities, two camera chains, lighting and testing apparatus, film transmitting facilities and two fully equipped mobile units.—United Press.

WALL STREET INDUSTRIALS CLOSE FIRM

New York, Mar. 12.

A few special issues showed sharp price change and one or two were heavily traded in a generally irregular and narrow market which generated the smallest volume since Feb. 26.

Turnover totalled only 1,600,000 shares, 50,000 behind Monday.

Industrial stocks closed on a firm note in their average—up 1 point to 470.31. Rails lagged with their average off .16 point while utilities rose .29 to 70.98.

Trading interest centred in the motors with American Motors again taking top spot on continued strength stemming from news that financier Louis E. Wolfson is seeking to take over the auto firm. It rose ½ point.

Missouri Pacific placed third in the actives and climbed 1½ points to $42½.

Hardest Hit

Metals were hardest hit of the leading groups with losses ranging close to 3 points.

Douglas lost over 2 in the aircrafts and Boeing gave up a fraction on realising after its late run-up on Monday on news of its record-breaking jet.

Steels ranged from a gain of close to 2 points in Inland to point losses in Carpenter and National. Bethlehem dipped a fraction in active trading.

Of 1,117 issues traded, 464 were lower, 401 higher, 254 unchanged. There were five new highs set, 21 new lows.

NY Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,620,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 790,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 industrials	470.31
20 rails	141.70
15 utilities	70.98
65 stocks	166.27
40 bonds	90.07
Comm. future price index	165.63

Closing Prices

Allied Chemicals	$ 87
Allied Mills Inc.	20¼
Allis Chalmers	32⅞
American Airline	16¾
American Cable & Radio Corp.	5
American Cyanamide Co.	75
Amerl. & Forgn. Power	16⅛
Am. Mach. & F'dry.	33⅞
American Metal	25⅞
American Smelting	53
Am. Sugar Ref.	118⅜
American Tel & Tel	177⅛
American Tob. "B"	75⅜
Anaconda Copper	60⅛xd
Armco Steel	63⅛
Armour	15¼
Atlas Cons. Mining	28⅜
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	13⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	43⅞
Bendix Aviation Corp.	55⅞
Beneficial Finance	20⅛
Benguet Cons.	1⅞
Bethlehem Steel	43⅞
Boeing Airplane	47⅞
Borden (The) Co.	64⅞
Burroughs Add Machine	37⅝
Canadian Pacific R.	31⅛
Case (J.I.) Co.	14⅛
Cat. Tractor	91
Celanese Corp.	16⅛
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	41
Chrysler Motors	76⅛
Climax Molybdenum	64⅜xd
Colgate-Palmolive Co	42¼
Colombian Carbon	44¼
Commercial Credit	48⅝
Commonwealth Elec.	32¾
Consolidated Edison	45
Continental Oil of Del.	55
Crown Zellerbach	51¾
Cuban Amer. Sugar	24⅛
Diamond Alkali	53⅜
Douglas Aircraft	75¼
Dow, Chemicals	59¼
Dupont de Nemours	179
Eastern Airlines	40⅛
Eastman Kodak	83⅛
El Paso National Gas (New)	30¼
Family Finance Corp.	23⅞
Firestone Tire	84¾
Ford Motor	57⅛
General Electric	56¼ xd
General Foods	43⅞
General Motors	39¾
Gen. Pub. Util.	34⅞
Getty Oil	52⅞
Glidden Co.	35¼
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	69¼
Goodyear Tyre	74⅛
Gulf Oil	117¼
Heyden Newport Corp.	13¼
Homestake Mining Co.	38⅜
Ingersoll-Rand	80¾
Inland Steel Co.	76¼
Interchemical Corp.	47
Int'l Business Machines	500¼
Int'l Harvester	36⅛
International Nickel	103¼
International Paper	98½
Int'l Tel & Tel	32⅛
John-Manville Co.	46⅜
Kansas C. Power & Light	39¼
Kennecott Copper	108
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	68⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	45⅛
Loews Incorp.	18⅛
Lone Star Cement Co. (New)	33⅞
Lowenstein & Sons.	19
MacDonnel Aircraft	35¾
Mesabi Iron Corp.	37⅛
Minnesota Mining	64⅛
Mission Development	20
Monsanto Chemical Co.	33⅛
Montgomery Ward	38
Motorola Inc.	38¾
National Cash Reg. "A"	51⅛
National Dairy Prod.	38⅛
National Lead	111
National Steel Corp.	65⅛
New York Central	30
Olin Mathieson	40
Otis Elevators	42⅛
Owens-Illinois Glass	63¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	40⅞
Pan American Airways	16
Paramount Pictures	32⅛
Parke Davis Co.	45⅞
Penny J. C. Co.	84⅞
Penn. Salt Co.	60
Philip Morris	45¼
Procter & Gamble Co.	46
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	78⅛
Pure Oil	38⅝
Radio Corporation	33⅛
Republic Steel	50⅞
Reynolds Metal	52⅞
Shell Oil Co.	81
Saint Reg. Paper	41⅛
Sinclair Oil	59⅞
Socony Mobiloil	53
Solar Aircraft	17⅛
South Puerto Rico Sugar	34⅞
Southern National Gas	30¼
Southern Railway (Com.)	42
Steep Rock (Torontoex.)	19
Standard Brands	39
Standard Oil of Cal.	45¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	51⅛
Standard Oil of N.J.	56¼
Sterling Drug Co. (New)	27
Stokely-Van Camp.	10⅜
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	7⅛
Swift & Co.	38
Texas Co.	60⅞
Tide Water Assn. Oil	34⅞
Time Inc.	64⅛
Twenty Century Fox Film	24⅞
Union Carbide	110⅛
Union Pacific Railway	27⅛
United Aircraft	76
U.S. Foil "B"	34⅞
U.S. Gypsum	52⅞
U.S. Line Co.	33
U.S. Rubber	41⅛
U.S. Steel	58⅛
Warner Bros.	23⅞
Western Union Tel.	18⅞
Westinghouse Electric	54⅞
West Va. Pulp & Paper	43⅞
Woolworth	43¼

—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $403,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANK			
HK Bank XD	1640	1605	
INSURANCES			
Union		930	
Lombard	37		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	6.75	6.85	1000 @ 6.80
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	102	104	200 @ 102
Dock	46¼	47	500 @ 46⅛
			100 @ 46¼
Prov. (O)		13.40	93 @ 13.20
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	15	15.10	1000 @ 15
HK Land X All	33¾		
Humphreys XD		17	
Realty	1.35	1.375	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.42½	1.45	5000 @ 1.42½
Trust	1.60		3000 @ 1.02½
UTILITIES			
Tram XD	21.80	22	200 @ 21.90
Star Ferry	136		
Yaumati	105	106	100 @ 105
C. Light	22.90	23.10	2700 @ 22.90
Electric XD		30	
Macao E.	9.80	10	
Telephone XD	23.80	23.90	2000 @ 23.80
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement XD	32¼	32¾	7250 @ 32½
Rope	12.80		
Metal I.	1.02½		200 @ 1.02½
Amoy Can	32½		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	16.10	16.20	500 @ 16.10
Watson; X All	11.20	11.40	1000 @ 11.30
COTTONS			
Textiles	4.70	4.80	
Nanyang	6.05		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Entert	16.10		

London Stock Market Higher

London, Mar. 12.

The stock market closed irregularly higher despite fears of labour unrest in shipbuilding and engineering industries.

Department stores and assorted electricals recorded gains. British Ford was firm following its unchanged final dividend for the year ended Dec. 31. In the aircrafts de Havilland closed higher following a dividend boost and report of higher earnings. Textiles closed lower.

Oils, although steady at the close, were sensitive to Middle East uncertainties. Gold mining shares declined. Copper shares were irregular. Rubber and tea shares closed steady.

British Government bonds rallied from initial easiness. Some Japanese bonds were easier in an idle foreign bond section. Dollar stocks were mostly lower.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Mar. 12.

Closing rates were:

Canada	1.04⅜
England unofficial	2.07-2.09
official	2.79-11/16
30-days	2.79-7/16
90-days	2.78½
Australia	2.22⅝
New Zealand	2.78-11/16
South Africa	2.80-1/16
Belgium	—
Uruguay	.2650

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Mar. 12.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.79-9/16-2.79⅝
Montreal	2.67⅛-2.67¼
Amsterdam	10.61¼-10.61¾
Brussels	140.72½-140.77½
Copenhagen	19.42⅝-19.42¾
Milan	1760-1760½
Oslo	19.99⅝-19.99¾
Stockholm	14.49-14.49½
Vienna	72-83-72.88
Zurich	12.27¼-12.27½

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Mar. 12.

Prices of metals closed this morning in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	761	763
3-month	747½	748½
Copper spot	239½	240
3-month	230	230½
Lead 1st half March	113½	113¾
June	112½	112¾
Zinc 1st half March	97	97½
June	96	96½

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Mar. 12.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 6 points lower with sales of 544 contracts.

No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point lower with sales of 77 contracts.

World contracts faltered after a firm start, yielding early gains, and a little more, under commission house liquidation and producer selling while the trade awaited further raw market developments.

Contract No. 4 (world)

May	6.12-14
July	6.12-13
Sept.	6.12
Mar.	4.87
May	4.84
July	4.84
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	6.18

Open interest: 6,753 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

May	6.78
July	6.84
Sept.	6.89
Nov.	6.90
Mar.	—
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	6.90

Open interest: 3,031 contracts.—United Press.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 12.

The rex rubber futures today closed 25 to 30 points higher with sales of 52 contracts.

March	31.20
May	31.35
July	31.20
September	31.00
November	30.85
January	30.70
March	30.55

Standard contract closed 25 to 30 points higher with no sales reported.

March	31.20
May	31.35
July	31.20
September	31.00
November	30.85
January	30.70
March	30.55

Higher trend reflected seller cautiousness in face of steadier cables and indications of a developing factory demand in the local market.

Shipment offerings were in fair volume and steady to firm prices.

Reported sales included some March shipment one sheets out of Cambodia at 30⅝ cents a pound, cost and freight. Locally, Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 31½ cents.

SINGAPORE

The market ruled dull throughout the day without much trade interest. There was some small inquiry for lower grades. Future closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Apr.	89⅛-89⅞
	May	89¾-90
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Apr.	87⅛-87⅞
No. 3		86⅛-86⅞
No. 4		84⅛-85⅛
Spot rubber unbaled		89⅛-89⅞
Blanket crepe		76-78
No. 1 pale crepe		95-97

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif April as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.57 paid
No. 2 rubber	2.54 buyers
No. 3 rubber	2.50 buyers
No. 1 crepe	2.71 buyers

London rubber prices were unavailable.—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Mar. 12.

Most grains closed steady on the Board of Trade today.

Wheat was firm in early trading due to commission house buying on the reports of a cold spell in the southwest.

Wheat closed up ¼ to off ¾ cents.

Soybeans closed off ⅛ to up ¾ cents.

Wheat No. 2, red			
Spot			232½-233½
Mar.	232(H)	231½(L)	—
May			—
July			224¼
Sept.			220⅜-¼
Dec.			229¾
Corn, No. 2, yellow			
Spot			131¾-132
Mar.			130⅞-¾
May			134½
July			135⅝-½
Sept.			133⅛
Dec.			130
Rye			
Mar.			136
May			137¾-138
Oats			
Mar.			75¼
May			73
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow			
Spot			240n
Mar.			243⅞
May			244⅞-¼
July			241⅛
Sept.			226-235¼
Nov.			233½
Barley,			
Spot			130-140
New York flour			
200 lb. sack			$13.40n

—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Mar. 12.

Prices of metals closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	March	15.10b	
	April	15.00b	
Zinc	March	13.25b	
	April	13.05b	
Copper	March	29.15b	
	April	29.15b	
Tin	March	97.37½b	(standard)
	April	96.62b	
	March	96.87½	(strait)
	April	97.62½b	

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.10
Sterling notes (per £1)	16.37
Australian notes (per £1)	12.71
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	16.00
Siam tical (per 100)	28.70
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

STERLING SHOULD DO WELL IN THE LONG RUN

London, Mar. 12.

THERE seems to be few intractable problems, other than the D-mark and the French franc.

Sterling, which is far more important, may not do brilliantly in the short run but should do well enough in the long.

For this century the dollar debt will be most valuably consolidated by replacement of outright waiver of the interest, which had become void for uncertainty. By the possibility of postponing both interest and principal, next century can look after itself.

Sterling liabilities to sovereign countries have also been most valuably worked down over the years, though there may still be some pressure to come from the big sterling balances of colonies and ex-colonies, notably West Africa.

In the way Congress works, it may be some months before the $140 million set aside for the interest waiver can be written back into Britain's reserves. Meanwhile they will be helped by India's drawings from the IMF.

The slowness of bear covering means that there is all the more of it still to come.

There is always the possibility too, of the reserves being strengthened by a liquidation of inventories.

If and when industry in Britain and other sterling countries has to work in competitive conditions which force it to husband instead of to pad its inventories, there is scope for substantial transmutation of physical into monetary reserves.

At the lowest, a non-inflationary expansion of British industry should not require or entail any over-expansive restocking of imports.—China Mail Special.

New York Cotton Futures See-Saw

WORLD PRICES

New York, Mar. 12.

Cotton futures see-sawed over a wide range today in spasmodically active dealings.

Operations centred mainly on final adjustments in the March delivery before its expiration tomorrow. Outright liquidation was absorbed by spot interests while other dealers switched between nearby and later months.

March contracts closed at the day's best levels ruling 25 points higher while other months were up only 2 to 5 points. The market opened off 10 to 1 point. New Orleans closed up 3 to 5 points.

Interest in new crop months lagged, as traders awaited crop accounts and congressional developments on farm legislation. The House Agricultural subcommittee today opened hearings on proposed cotton legislation.

Overnight issuance of delivery notices for 1,000 bales brought an opening flurry of March liquidation, lowering the spot month to 34.60 cents a pound and widening the discount under May to 36 points. With stoppage of the tenders around noon, the market recovered with March recovering about two-thirds of the discount.

Open March contracts today totalled 16,900 bales. Trading will cease at 12.30 p.m. tomorrow. Traders pondered the possibility of additional stock to 10,070 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
March	6,000	17,200
May	25,400	352,400
July	3,700	144,100
October	5,900	162,500
December	3,400	71,400
March	3,400	149,700
May	3,000	63,700
July	1,400	39,200
Total	53,900	1,000,200 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	—
March	34.99
May	35.70
July	34.49
October	32.86
December	32.82
March	32.78
May	—
July	—

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.90
March	34.85
May	35.04
July	34.48
October	32.86
December	32.82
March	32.83
May	32.84
July	33.44

LIVERPOOL

Futures closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
Mar./Apr.	26.06
May/June	26.10
July/Aug.	25.86
Oct./Nov.	20.00
Dec./Jan.	25.44
New contract	
Mar./Apr.	26.12
May/June	26.29
July/Aug.	26.00
Oct./Nov.	25.70
Dec./Jan.	25.50
Egyptian Karnak Jan./Feb.	40.00

SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Oct.	38.40
Dec.	38.00

In the US the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 33.79 cents. Total sales at these markets was 15,400, bales.

KARACHI

The market was erratic due to local speculative operation today. Prices in rupees per maund as follows:

4F Sind roller gin	81/8
289F Punjab saw gin	90/8

—United Press.

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 13.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	$1.00
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	48/-
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord.	31/6d
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	$2.30
Fraser & Neave 7½% cum. pref.	$4.00
Gammons (Malaya) Limited	$1.97
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	$835*
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	7/6d
Kempas Ltd.	$1.45
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	0.65
Malayan Breweries	$2.86*
New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd.	$2.30*
Petaling Tin Ltd.	$2.78
Raffles Hotel	$2.35
Singapore Cold Storage	$1.60
South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	$32.50
Straits Trading	$27.00
Steamship	$17.00
United Engineers Ord.	$2.90†
Wearne Bros.	$2.90

* exdiv. † cumdiv cumbonus.—China Mail Special.

AUSTRALIAN BOND ISSUE IN AMERICA

New York, Mar. 12.
A group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co. is marketing an issue of 20 million of Commonwealth of Australia 15-year five per cent bonds—the third public financing by the Commonwealth in the US since 1954.

The Commonwealth will use proceeds from the sale toward payment of $17,114,000 of 10-year 3¼ per cent bonds and capital works and expenditures.

The new bonds, due March 1, 1972, are priced at 100 per cent and accrued interest to yield five per cent to maturity.

The most recent public sale of Commonwealth bonds here involved an issue of 25 million 15-year 4½s marketed in June of last year.—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Defect, 2 Murder, 3 Grammar, 4 Newspaper, 5 Thriller, 6 Writing, 7 Candle, 8 Journalist, 9 Fleet, 10 Plaque, 11 Clues, 12 Mystery.

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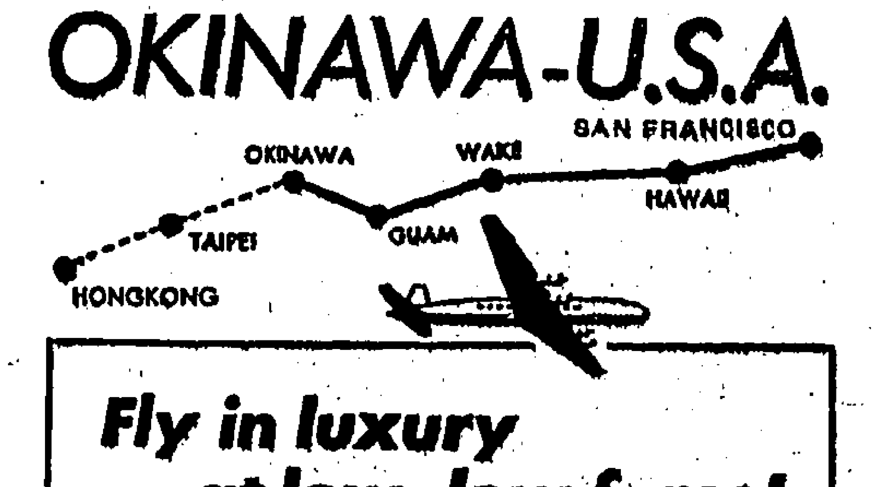

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HKA Viscount Service To Tokyo In June

Hongkong Airways will be starting a new service from Hongkong to Taipei and Tokyo on June 1 using Viscount jet-prop airliners.

Traffic rights and permits have already been acquired.

The present arrangements with Northwest Airlines using DC 6 airliners for Japan will be discontinued when the Viscount goes into service.

There will be three flights a week linking Hongkong with Taipei and Tokyo.

This means that Hongkong Airways' Viscount services will then operate from Hongkong to Manila, Seoul, Taipei and Tokyo.

Brawl Over Mining Rights

Manila, Mar. 13.

Constabulary troops yesterday averted what could have been an armed clash near the American military base in Turlac Province, Central Luzon, when rival Filipino claimants fought over mining rights inside the US-claimed military reservation.

The disputants were disarmed and Mines Bureau officials immediately stepped into the dispute to prevent bloodshed.

The mine deposits are located in Capas town, the scene of another dispute several months ago when the United States military authorities confiscated the diggings of one of two claimants. The case even reached Congress where there was a brief outburst of "anti-American sentiment."

So far, both the Philippine and United States Governments have not come to an agreement on the disputed territory, the former claiming land containing mine deposits to be outside the US military reservation. — France-Presse.

US HAS FIVE-POINT DISARMAMENT PLAN

Durham, North Carolina, Mar. 12.

The US disarmament adviser, Mr Harold Stassen, disclosed today that the United States would present a five-point disarmament plan to the United Nations based on inspection by aerial "sentinels" flying in open skies.

Mr Stassen, a special assistant to the President, will leave tomorrow for a London conference on disarmament by a UN subcommittee.

He told newsmen here that the US proposals at the meeting would be designed to carry out President Eisenhower's "unending and successful quest for peace in the beginnings of the atomic age and the changing world following World War II."

The proposals included a reduction in world armies to 2,500,000 men armed with conventional weapons. Mr Stassen said Russia had agreed to that.

INSPECTION SYSTEM

He also said that, while Russia still opposed aerial inspection, the Soviet Union had "gone a long way" toward compromise on ground inspection, especially in Europe.

The second US point, he said, would be a mutual system of inspection against aggression. It would be based on "aerial sentinels flying in open skies" as Mr Eisenhower proposed at the summit meeting in Geneva, Mr Stassen said.

Thirdly, he said, the United States would propose a cut-off point for production of fissionable materials.

The fourth point would be a proposal to transfer "reciprocally" atomic production from weapons to non-weapons.

The fifth point would be use of outer space explorations for peaceful purposes only.

Mr Stassen said the plan represented a basic US policy on disarmament.—United Press.

Town 'Bombarded' By Shell Cases

Seaton, Mar. 13.

A shower of cannon shell cases falling from an aircraft "bombarded" this small Devonshire town for 10 seconds yesterday.

A 65-year-old retired bank manager, Mr Cyril Wilmshurst, was struck on the head by a case which smashed through a shed roof. He was taken to hospital to have the wound stitched.

About 20 other shell cases shattered tiles and slates on houses in the town.—China Mail Special.

SENTENCE TO STAND

To a drug trafficker who pleaded that he was a poor man and a sick man, the Chief Justice Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, in the Appeal Court this morning reminded him "The traffic in which you are engaged is one which is calculated to make many other people both poor and sick. It is a very damaging and a very dangerous traffic."

Sitting with Mr Justice J. R. Gregg on the Full Court, the Chief Justice refused to vary the sentence of five years passed by District Judge Charles on Mohammed Salin Khan last month for possession of and importing raw opium. Khan arrived in Hongkong by plane from Karachi with 14¾ pounds of the drug.

Asking for a reduction of the sentence, Khan pleaded that he had TB, very little money and that if he stayed in Hongkong for five years there would be no one to support his children at home. He claimed that he did not know that the drug was in his luggage, "but I cannot prove it," he added.

APPEAL DISMISSED

The Full Court also dismissed another appeal brought by Li Kau who was given two years by District Judge K. R. Macfee on January 28 for robbery with violence.

Li contended there was no evidence to support his conviction and that statements were wrongly admitted because he was forced to make them.

Alternatively, he asked for a reduction of the sentence.

The Full Court held there was sufficient evidence and that there was no reason to vary the sentence.

The Chief Justice remarked that Li and two other men confronted the complaint, a middle-aged woman, and resorted to force to achieve their ends.

The Full Court partially allowed an appeal against sentence brought by Chan On who was sentenced by Judge Macfee in February to four years for wounding with intent, and a further six months to possession of a dagger.

These two sentences were made concurrent by the Full Court after Crown Counsel, Mr W. S. Collier agreed that the two charges were really one offence.

A "MERE FIGHT"

A co-accused, Leung Hoi, who was also given four years on the wounding charge, was refused his appeal against sentence.

Both appellants said that the incident was a mere fight, but the Court noted that the victim was nearly killed, having his jugular vein cut and that it was the accused who called to the victim and attacked him when he turned round.

Chan asked the Court to send him to a training centre if the Judge could not reduce the sentence.

The Chief Justice advised him to make the application to the prison authorities.

Found 13 Years After Escape

Budapest, Mar. 12.

Mihal Franczia-Kiss, one of the leaders of the Hungarian "White Terror" in 1919, who was sentenced to death in 1944 but had eluded capture until now, was arrested last Friday, Hungarian police announced today.

He was discovered by accident in a small village near Szabadszallas, where he was living under an assumed name. He is 70. He was reported to have attempted suicide when he was arrested.—France-Presse.

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Widow Testifies In Murder Trial

A widow, giving evidence this morning at the trial of a police constable charged with murder, said that the constable had told her that if she did not go with him he would kill her husband.

The accused is Li Hon, 26. He is charged before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Criminal Sessions with the murder of Ho Sek-lun, whom he is alleged to have shot with his service revolver at the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area in the early hours of November 28 last year.

Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Mr V. L. J. D'Alton is defending Li, instructed by Hastings and Co.

Cross-examined this morning, the widow, Chan King, said that during the early hours of November 28, she got up from bed and went down stairs to the ground floor. The reason she got up, she said, was because her husband was late in returning from the latrine.

Also, witness said, someone had knocked at the door of her room earlier and had tried to open the door.

Chan said her husband had the habit of using the latrine on the ground floor because the one on the first floor was always in a wet condition.

THREAT TO KILL

Mr D'Alton then asked witness what motive she could suggest for the alleged murder. Chan replied that accused told her on one occasion that if she did not go with him he would kill her husband.

She went on to say that he wanted her to stay with him and she had refused.

Further questioned, Chan said that when she first noticed the accused about the resettlement area she told her husband about him and how she had previously been living with the accused.

Her husband, witness stated, told her to ignore the accused.

Chan said there had been no actual dispute or fight between her husband and the accused.

She said the constable had forced her to live with him some years ago. She was not working at the time. Accused had promised to support her if she lived with him, but in fact he did not give her any money.

SAW POLICEMAN

Questioned once more on the events on November 28, the widow said it was between 4.40 and 4.45 a.m. when she reached the bottom of the stairs on the ground floor.

Immediately after, she said, she saw her husband in the lavatory. He came out and she saw a policeman standing in the open space outside near the entrance.

Witness said the policeman was facing her direction. When her husband came out of the lavatory, the policeman turned and faced him.

Shortly after this, the two men walked away and out of sight. Then she heard the report of a gun. This happened before 5 a.m.

Hearing is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

5.30, "Women Only". A Weekly Magazine introduced by Linda Roberts; 6, Time Signal. Programme Summary; 6.02 Lucky Dip—Listeners' Requests presented by Margherita; 6.50 Weather Report; 7, Time Signal. The News; 7.00, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, Cicely Courtneidge In "Calling Miss Courtneidge." With guest star Jack Hawkins; 7.45, Letter from America by Alistair Cooke; 8, Time for Jazz presented by Robin Day; 8.30, "Mood Music"—Paul Western and his Orchestra; 9, Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Wednesday Theatre. "Gilbert and Sullivan"—The Story of a great Partnership. Part 5—"The Summit of Success"; 10.15, Music of the Twentieth Century. Venus, the Bringer of Peace; Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity, (Both from "The Planets" Suite, Op. 32) (Holst); The Perfect Fool—Ballet Music Op. 39 (Holst); 10.45, "Calypso". Harry Belafonte (Vocal) with Chorus and Orchestra; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio Newsreel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m., Wednesday Concert — "Symphony No. 3 in E Minor Opus 95" from "The New World Symphony" played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, "Paris, Ein Nachtstuck (The Song of a Great City) Fur Grossen Orchestra" by Delius, played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; 4, The Story of Bottle Castle; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5, Children's Corner — Presented by Auntie Ray; 5.30, Wednesday Requests—Presented by Betty; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Tops in Popular Music; 6.45, The House of Peter McGovern; 7, Time Signal and the News; 7.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.15, Dick Jurgens and his Orchestra; 7.30, Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra; 7.45, Concert Miniature; 8, Personality Parade — Mario Lanza; 8.15, Novelty Time — With Nick Kendall; 8.30, Diamond Music Show; 9, Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Pot O' Gold; 9.45, "Martin Chuzzlewit", By Charles Dickens, Episode 10—"Conclusion of the Enterprise of Mr Jonas and his Friend". Starring Donald Wolfit; 10.15, Music Hall Varieties — Starring Joe E. Howard and Beatrice Kay; 10.45, One Night Stand; 11, Jerry's Jumble and Junk—Presented by Jerry Lewis; 11.30, Prelude to Midnight; 12 Midnight, "God Save the Queen". Close Down.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

By Air

Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m

Korea, 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, Holhow, 7 a.m.

Japan, 8 a.m.

Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, France & Great Britain, 9 a.m.

Philippines, 1 p.m.

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Macao, 1 p.m.

Formosa, Korea, 2 p.m.

Indo-China, 2 p.m.

Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.

Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

Big Extension Of Colony's Phone Service Announced

The demand for telephone service has continued unabated in all parts of the Colony and orders for further extensions have been placed, it was reported by Mr H. R. M. Cleland, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd, at the company's general meeting at Telephone House this morning.

The new orders provide for a further 2,000 lines for the Cameron Road Exchange, 2,400 lines for the East Exchange and a 600-line Exchange for Aberdeen.

The final net profit for the year was $6,329,178, which, after adding $224,757 brought forward from the previous year, left $6,553,935 available for appropriation. A dividend of $1.50 per "Old" share and 75 cents per "New" share was recommended.

The Chairman's report follows:

Once again, the year under review has been marked by considerable capital additions to the company's system. Additions to fixed assets during the year exceeded $12,800,000 of which over $10,000,000 was in respect of general plant. The full result of these plant additions will not be shown, however, until the end of 1957 as they relate, in large measure, to installations which are still in progress.

Equipment brought into service during the year comprised an extension to the Central Exchange of 2,000 lines and a similar extension of 2,600 lines to the exchange serving the Eastern District. A new automatic exchange with an initial capacity of 400 lines was installed in the new Colonial Secretariat Offices and small exchanges to serve the rural areas of Ting Kau and Castle Peak were also installed and brought into service. This additional equipment, together with the utilisation of existing facilities, resulted in the provision of 6,737 new telephone stations throughout the year. There are now over 63,700 telephones working throughout the system.

In addition to these new services and to the steady requirements of maintenance, a considerable amount of work has been occasioned by removals of telephone services from one address to another. A record number of over 6,600 such removals were requested and carried out.

300 MILES OF WIRE

There was also a considerable demand for private branch exchanges and 67 switchboards of various sizes were installed throughout the year. The work described above has necessitated the installation of over 300 miles of wire in subscribers' premises alone.

In preparation for further extensions to the main Kowloon Exchanges and to East and West Exchanges on Hongkong Island, a number of cable extension schemes were carried out, resulting in the addition of nearly 50 miles of underground cable, representing over 7,000 circuit miles.

Although the West Exchange Building is, as yet, incomplete, by making special arrangements it became possible to complete the first floor in August, 1956, and thus to commence the installation of a new 12,000 line Exchange. Good progress has already been made and it is hoped that equipment for approximately 5,000 lines will be ready for service in July of this year, the Exchange as a whole being completed in December, 1957.

The demand for our service continues unabated in all parts of the Colony and it became necessary to place orders for further extensions of 2,000 lines for Cameron Road Exchange, 2,400 lines for East Exchange and also for the provision of a 600-line Exchange to serve the Aberdeen area. All this equipment will be delivered in 1957.

Revenue from the radio telephone services has shown a slight improvement over the previous year, the increase amounting to $20,002. In co-operation with Cable & Wireless Limited, new services were opened to North Africa, Central America and Lebanon.

INCREASED PROFIT

It will be noted that the Profit & Loss Account shows a substantial increase in the net profit, amounting to $2,043,209. This has been brought about by a combination of increased revenues and reductions in the charges for Royalty, Profits Tax and depreciation.

The rise on the revenue side is a reflection, in the main, of the additional connections made during the year, and calls for no comment; as for the decrease in Royalty and Profits Tax, as these are both calculated with reference to the Inland Revenue Ordinance, initial allowances on the very substantial capital additions for the year referred to above have resulted in deductions for depreciation which more than offset the increase in revenue, while the fall in the depreciation figure in the Accounts is due to implementing the intention referred to in my last report of basing this on the life of the asset.

The final net profit is $6,329,178 which, after adding $224,757 brought forward from the previous year, leaves $6,553,935 available for appropriation. The Directors' recommendations in respect of appropriations are shown in the report and I trust they will meet with your approval.

The extent of the development referred to above has thrown a heavy load on every member of the company's staff, which as a whole has not been materially increased.

I feel sure that you will wish to be associated with the Directors in congratulating the Managing Director and his staff on the work they have put in during the past year.

HIGHLY SATISFACTORY

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr B. W. Bradbury said: I have read, with great interest, this year's report and your statement and feel sure that shareholders will agree with me that the year's results are highly satisfactory. The accounts speak for themselves and shareholders will appreciate the dividend and cash bonus which it has been found possible to maintain on the increased capital.

It is pleasing to note that, in spite of the great number of new connections being provided year by year, the demand for our services continues undiminished. The development programme outlined will, when completed, go far towards satisfying this demand and contribute to the further prosperity of our company.

I think we are most fortunate indeed in Hongkong to have such an efficient telephone service including terms which compare so favourably with most other places.

On behalf of our shareholders, I should like to associate myself with the Chairman in congratulating the Managing Director and his staff on the results they have achieved during the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Hon. Sir Tsun-nin Chau, Mr D. Benson and Mr G. M. Goldsack were re-elected to the Board of Directors, on the proposal of Dr Mok Tai-tin, seconded by Mr Paul Braga.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors at a fee to be arranged between themselves and the company. This was proposed by Mr P. W. Coppen and seconded by Mr Lee Yat-ngok.

Those present were Mr H. R. M. Cleland (Chairman), the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Sir Tsun-nin Chau, the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, Mr G. O. W. Stewart, Mr H. D. M. Barton, Mr D. Benson, Mr G. M. Goldsack (Directors), Mr T. S. Pugh (Managing Director), Mr A. R. Reid (Acting Secretary), Dr Mok Tai-tin, Mr B. W. Bradbury, Mr Kok-sang Woo, Mr Paul Braga, Mr Hudson Chen Wood, Mr P. W. Coppen, Mr D. B. Sinclair (representing Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), Mr Lee Yat-ngok, Mr A. J. Cattanach, Mr Tsang Hung-tim and Mr A. N. Braude (shareholders).

G.O. JONES APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTION

Gerard Oliver Jones, 44-year-old manager of the Lan Tau Development Co. Ltd., brought an appeal before the Full Court this morning against his conviction for theft of 47 gold bars worth $69,135.

Jones was sentenced to two years by District Judge K. R. Macfee on January 17. The bars were said to belong to a Chinese named Sin Tung.

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg.

Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr R. H. Hindmarsh of Deacons and Co. appeared for Jones. Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Mr Shurlock said that Jones was appealing against his conviction and, alternatively, against sentence.

The grounds were: the verdict was unreasonable or could not be supported having regard to the evidence; the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt the constituents necessary to support the evidence of larceny; the trial Judge misdirected himself in law, in particular, that to constitute larceny the intention to steal must be present at the time of the alleged stealing; there was no evidence, alternatively, inadequate evidence that Jones was a bailee of the gold.

TWO CHARGES

Mr Shurlock said that Jones was before Judge Macfee on two charges, fraudulent conversion, and larceny by bailee. The Judge found him not guilty of the first charge, and convicted him on the second.

Mr Shurlock read to the Court the definition of stealing and said that his arguments would be based to a large extent on the meaning of "fraudulent" and on the other constituent of larceny, namely, that the animus furandi (intention to steal) must exist at the time of the taking.

Counsel contended that the relevant particulars which the prosecution must prove were that the 47 gold bars came into the possession of Jones; that the intention to steal must be present at that time; and that the 47 gold bars were the property of Sin Tung as mentioned in the charge.

The appeal is continuing.

STREET THEFTS

A total of US$440 was stolen from the handbag of a European woman in the Miramar Arcade in Nathan Road at about 3.45 p.m. yesterday. Two Chinese men and a woman have been detained by the Police.

Another Chinese has been detained by the Police in connection with the attempted larceny of a fountain pen from the pocket of a Chinese pedestrian in Tai Po Road at about 11.25 a.m. yesterday.

In the afternoon, a Chinese snatched a gold wrist watch from a Chinese woman outside the Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon.

Confiscation Of Opium Ordered

Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy this morning made orders for the confiscation of 468.2 pounds of raw opium recently seized aboard steamers in port.

The opium ordered to be confiscated comprised 334 pounds seized on board the Danish motor ship Kirsten Maersk on March 2, and 134.2 pounds from the South Korean vessel Pusan on March 7.

Revenue Inspector L. Dunning made the applications.

ARMED ROBBERY

Two Chinese, one armed with a sharp instrument, entered No. 13B, Muk Min Ha Village, Tsun Wan, at about 9.15 p.m. yesterday, and robbed three Chinese women of cash, a gold ring and a wrist watch.

BOY INJURED

A Chinese boy was knocked down and injured by a cyclist in Po On Road at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday. The boy, Chow Kam-cheung, aged six, of 356 'A' Block, Li Cheng Uk Resettlement Area, is now receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.